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ORDER SHEET FOR MAGISTRATES' RECORD.

DISTRICT OF HOWRAH.

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF HOWRAH.

No. of 1910.

Emperor versus *Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and others*: *sections 121-124, Indian Penal Code.*

Serial No. of order	Date.	Order.	Signature.
1	4-3	Complaint of Mr. W. Murray under section 196, C. P. C., recorded. Mr. P. L. Roy for the Crown asks for warrants of arrest against the 45 persons named in the Government order (Exhibit A). It appears that of these 45 persons, all except six (viz, Nos. 4, 14, 16, 22, 29, 31), are already under arrest in connection with one or other of the dacoity cases mentioned in the written statement of complaint (Exhibit B). Against five of these six (viz., Nos. 4, 14, 16, 22, 29) I have already issued warrants in connectien with case No. 200 A under section 400, I. P. C., on my own file. With regard to the remaining man (No. 31), Mr. Craig, District Superintendent, who is present, states that warrant had not been applied for against him in connection with the latter case by oversight. Taking these facts in conjunction with the statements set forth in the complaint (Exhibit B), I am of the opinion that warrants of arrest under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, and 124, I. P. C., should issue against all the 45 persons named in the list (Exhibit A). Issue warrants accordingly, returnable by 9th instant.	(Sd.) H. S. FORREST. 4-3-1910.
2	9-3-1910	Adjournment granted to 11th instant on grounds set forth in application filed by Crown to-day.	(Sd.) H. S. FORREST, *District Magistrate.*
3	11-3-1910	12 noon. Mr. Roy on behalf of the Crown applies for 14 days' adjournment on grounds set forth in petition filed to-day. Adjournment granted to 23rd instant. Endorse warrants accordingly. 12-30. Received from Mr Ezechiel, District Magistrate of Nadia, confession of Sailendra Kumar Das, which is filed with this record.	(Sd.) H. S. FORREST, *District Magistrate.*
	23-3-10	Mr. Forrest having made over charge to me on transfer, this case is taken on my file.	(Sd.) C. F. PAYNE, *Offg. District Magistrate.*
	23-3-10	Transferred to the file of Mr. H. P. Duval.	(Sd.) C. F. PAYNE, *Offg. District Magistrate.*
	23-3-10, Howrah Circuit House.	Proceedings under section 337 drawn up and explained, and pardon tendered to Lalit Mohon Chakravarti, which he accepted. He was partially examined after being discharged. Fix to-morrow here at 7-30 A.M.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL, *Magistrate, 1st Class.*

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	24-3-10	Lalit Mohon Chakravarti further examined. Fix 26th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	26-3-10	Ditto. Fix 28th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	28-3-10	Kalipoda Chakravarti, Chuni Lal Nandi, Indu Kiron Chakravarti, Bimola Charan De, Charu Chandra Ghose, Satis Chandra Mitter and Pulin Krista Mitter, who gave his name as Pulin Behari Sirkar, arrested and reported; they are detained in *hajat*. Lalit M. Chakravarti further examined. Fix 29th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	29-3-10	Lalit M. Chakravarti further examined. Fix 30th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	30-3-10	Ditto ditto ditto Fix 31st.	(Sd.) H. P. D.
	31-3-10	Ditto ditto ditto Fix 1st.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	1-4-10	Examined Lalit M. Chakravarti and began examination of N. Sen. Fix 4th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL
	4-4-10	Further examined Mr. N. Sen. Fix 6th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	8-4-10	Owing to illness, I could not sit on 6th and 7th. Case resumed to-day. Mr. N. Sen's examination completed. Issue order for the production before me at the Howrah Sub-Jail at 8 A.M. to-morrow following accused :— Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, Bhuban Mukherji, Bistupoda Chatterji, Jogesh Mitter, Narendra N. Bose, Charu Chandra Ghose, Lalit K. Chatterji, Hem Chandra Sen, Jotindra N. Mukherji, Sibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Indu Kiran Chakravarti, Chuni Lal Nandi, Sarat Mitra, Bimola Deb, Haripoda Adhikari and Kalipoda Chakravarti, with their detention warrants. Order to issue to-day by special messenger to the Superintendent, Alipore Central Jail. Examined in part Sati Prasad Ganguli.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	9-4-10	Case taken up in the Howrah Sub-Jail in the presence of the above accused, except Lalit K. Chatterji and Kalipoda Chakravarti, son of Hem Chandra. Lalit examined. Evidence of Sati Prasad Ganguli completed after departure of accused. Fix 11th at 7-30.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	11-4-10	Further evidence of Lalit taken in presence of certain accused. Adjourned till 12th at 11 A.M. Jotin Hazra to be produced.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	12-4-10	Summon witnesses for the dates as given in the list attached. Proceedings under section 337, C. P. C., drawn up and explained to Jotindra Nath Hazra, who is partly examined. Fix 13th at 10-30 A.M.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	13-4-10	Jotindra N. Hazra further examined. Fix 15th at 11 A.M.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	15-4-10	Examined 11 witnesses Fix 16th. Witnesses to give personal recognizance of Rs. 50 each to appear when called for here or before the Hon'ble High Court.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	16-4-10	Examined 12 witnesses. Fix 18th Witnesses on personal recognizance of Rs. 50 to appear when called on or before High Court.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

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	18-4-10	Examined 14 witnesses. Fix 19th. Witnesses as in order of 16th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	19-4-10	Bijoy Chakravarti, who has been brought under arrest from Rampur Boalia, is remanded to the Alipore Central Jail till 20th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	19-4-10	Examined five witnesses of the six only present. Satyendra N. Bose to appear to-morrow. Witnesses on personal recognizance of Rs. 50 to appear here or at High Court when called on.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	20-4-10	Accused's attendance adjourned till 3rd May. Examined 12 witnesses, who will be on personal recognizance as ordered for others. Fix 25th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	25-4-10	Recalled one witness and examined. Examined 16 witnesses. Fix 26th. Witnesses on personal recognizance as before.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	26-4-10	Examined 19 witnesses and one recalled. Fix 28th at 7 A.M. Witnesses on personal recognizance as ordered in other cases.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	28-4-10	Further examined in presence of some accused as shown, Jotin and Lalit. Fix 29th at 11 A.M.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	29-4-10	Examined eight witnesses. Fix May 5th at 11 A.M. Bail application of Haridas Chakravarti, Lalit K. Chatterji, and Bistupoda Chatterji rejected.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	3-5-10	Accused's attendance adjourned till 17th May.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	5-5-10	Examined 14 witnesses. Adjourned till 20th May. Witnesses on personal recognizance of Rs. 50.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	17-5-10	Accused's attendance adjourned till 31st.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	19-5-10	20th being a public day of mourning, the case adjourned till the 23rd. Charu Ch. Ghose is reported to be seriously ill by the Jail authorities, and it is therefore requested that he be released on bail. In view of the report, I permit his release on bail, personal recognizance of Rs. 2,000 with two sureties of Rs. 1,000 each, to be produced when called on.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	21-5-10	Recorded complaint of Mr. Murray. Issue warrant of arrest on Ramapoda Mukherji, Bhupendra Roy Chaudhuri, Prokriti Biswas, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukherji, Kristopoda Biswas, Taranath Roy Chaudhari, Kartik Ch. Dutt, Pabitra Dutt, Annoda Roy. Issue also search warrants as prayed for.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	23-5-10	Examined five witnesses. On recognizance as before. Fix to-morrow.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	24-5-10	Examined ten witnesses. On recognizance as before. Fix to-morrow. Pabitra Dutt is brought under arrest. He is committed to *hajat* at Alipore till 31st May 1910.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	25-5-10	Recalled four witnesses and examined. Examined seven witnesses all in presence of some accused. Fix 26th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

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	26-5-10	Examined seven witnesses. Fix 27th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	27-5-10	Annoda Pr. Roy brought under arrest. He is committed to *hajat* at Alipore till 31st May 1910. Re-examined one witness; examined 14 witnesses. Fix 30th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	30-5-10	Recalled and examined seven witnesses in presence of certain accused. Examined six witnesses in presence of nine accused as shown. Examined 11 witnesses in absence of accused. Fix to-morrow.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	31-5-10	Recalled and examined one witness. Examined four witnesses. Fix 2nd June.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	2-6-10	Examined 17 witnesses. Fix 4th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	4-6-10	Re-examined 15 witnesses, and examined one witness (No. 197) in presence of the following accused:—Noni-Gopal Gupta, Bhuban and Bhutan (*alias* Kristadhan) Mukherji, Jogesh Ch. Mitra, Shibu Hazra, Tinkori Das, Rajani Bhattacharyya, Indu Kiron Bhattacharyya, and Chuni Nandi. Recalled and examined three witnesses. Examined 11 witnesses. Fix 6th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	6-6-10	In presence of the following accused:—Chuni Nandi, Shibu Nandi, Dasu Chatterji, Hari Adhikari, Atul Pal, Manmatha Chaudhuri, Narendra Bose, Annoda Rai, Pabitra Dutt, Narendra Bhattacharyya, Bhusan Ch. Mitra, Hem Sen, Tinkori Das, Suresh Mitra, Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, Bhuban Mukherji, Bhutan Mukherji, Jotindra Hazra (approver), Lalit M. Chakravarti (approver), and Charu Chandra Ghose. Re-examined 27 witnesses and examined one in their presence. Charu Ghose on bail as before. Examined six witnesses. Fix to-morrow.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	7-6-10	Recalled one witness. Examined seven witnesses. Adjourned till 9th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	9-6-10	In presence of Bijoy Chakarvarti, Sirish Ch. Sirkar, Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhuri, Kristapoda Biswas, Atul Mukerji, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Prokriti Mazumdar, Ramapoda Mukerji: recalled seven witnesses. In presence of above and Sushil Biswas examined two witnesses. In presence of all above and Narendra Biswas re-examined one witness and examined eight witnesses. Examined three witnesses. In presence of Pkran Mazumdar examined one witness, and in presence of Paran Mazumdar and Jotin nine witnesses. Fix 10th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	10-6-10	Accused present to-day are:—Tinkori Das, Satis Mitra, Sarat Mitra, Suresh Mitra, Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, Jogesh Ch. Mitra, Bistupoda Chatterji, Bhuban Ch. Mukherji, Bhutan Mukherji and Narendra Nath Bose. Examined, in absence of above, three witnesses—Nos. 245, 246 and 266. In presence of accused examined nine witnesses, and re-examined 13 witnesses. Fix 13th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

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	13-6-10	Accused present are :—Nibaran Mazumdar, Lalit Chatterji, Srish Sirkar, Shibu Hazra, Ramapoda Mukerji, Monmotha Biswas, Bhupen Rai Chaudhuri, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Sushil Biswas, Binoy Chakarvarti, Chuni Nandi, Tinkori Das, Jotin Hazra and Lalit M. Chakarvarti (approver). Re-examined three witnesses and examined 15 in their presence. Examined two witnesses.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	15-6-10	Examined two witnesses. In presence of Sarat Mitra, Annoda Rai, Pabitra Dutta, Ramapoda Mukerji, Prokriti Biswas, Kristapoda Biswas, Taranath Rai Chaudhuri, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji—re-examined Lalit Chakarvarti and one witness and three others. Examined one witness in absence of accused.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	16-6-10	In presence of accused Bimola Ch. De, Pulin Behari Sirkar, Chuni Lal Nandi, Tinkori Das, Indu Khon Bhattacharyya, Sirish Ch. Sirkar, Rojani Kanta Bhattacharyya, Kalipoda Chakarvarti, Poran Mazumdar, Upen De—re-examined two witnesses and examined seven witnesses. In presence of—ditto—except Poran and Upen, re-examined one witness and examined two witnesses. Examined one witness in absence of accused.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	18-6-10	Accused present are :—Norendra Bhattacharya, Bhusan Mitra, Harendra Banerji, Rajani Bhattacharyya, Sirish Sirkar, Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, Bhuban Mukerji, Bhutan Mukerji, Bistupoda Chatterji, Jogesh Mitra, Bimola Deb, Norendra Nath Bose, Annoda Rai, Manmatha Biswas, Prakriti Biswas, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Ramapoda Mukerji, Bhibhuti Bhusan Biswas and Jotindra N. Mukerji (after the 3rd witness) —— Re-examined two witnesses and examined four witnesses in presence of above accused. Examined one witness.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	20-6-10	Present—accused—Harendra N. Banerji, Jotindra Mukerji, Sirish Sirkar, Hem Sen, Narendra Bose, Narendra Bhattacharyya, Bhusan Mitra, Suresh Ch. Mazumdar, Nibaran Ch. Mazumdar, and Lalit Kumar Chatterji—Re-examined two witnesses and examined 16 witnesses. Lalit K. Chatterji is released on bail of two sureties of Rs. 500 each and personal security of Rs. 1,000, to appear on 27th, and after that when called on.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	23-6-10	Present—Hari Das Chakravarti, Bimola De, Narendra Nath Bose, Bhusan Mitra, Bhutan Mukerji, Kali Chakravarti, Taranath Rai Chaudhuri, Sailendra Das and Upendra De. Recalled one witness and examined nine witnesses. Examined one witness. Fix 25th. Witnesses due for to-morrow to give personal recognizance of Rs. 50 to appear on 25th.	(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
	25-6-10	Prakriti Biswas, Manmatha Biswas, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Ramapoda Mukerji, Soilendra Das, Upendra De, Nibaran Mazumdar, Bhusan Mukerji, Kali Chakravarti, Hari Das Chakravarti, Sirish Sirkar, Bijoy Chakravarti, Bimola Ch. Deb, Jotindra Nath Mukerji and Bhutan Mukerji.	

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		Recalled one and examined 14 fully and two partly in their presence. Completed two witnesses, recalled two witnesses, and examined six witnesses. Other witnesses present to give personal recognisance of Rs. 30 to appear on 27th. Fix 27th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	27-6-10	Examined 20 witnesses. Fix 29th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	29-6-10	Re-examined four witnesses. Examined 25 new witnesses. Fix 30th.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	30-6-10	Accused present— Recorded statement of Noni Gopal Gupta. Satish Mitter declines to make any statement; also Bistupoda Chatterji, Bhusan Mitra, Bhuban M. Mukerji, Tinkori Das, Narendra Nath Bhattacharya, Kristadhan *alias* Bhutan Mukerji, Suresh Mitra, Sarat Mitra, Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhuri. Recorded statement of Lalit K. Chatterji, Charu Chandra Ghose, Bijoy K. Chakravarti. Atul Pal declines to make a statement; also Sirish Sirkar, Rajani Kanta Bhattacharyya, Jotindra Nath Mukerji, Manmatha Chaudhuri, Jogesh Ch. *alias* Madaru Mitter, Kalipoda Chakravarti, Harendra Chandra Banerji, Dasurathi Chatterji, Sivapoda Hazra, Haripoda Adhikari, Annoda Prosanna Rai, Narendra N. Bose, Pulin Behari Sirkar. Recorded statement of Haridas Chakravarti and Bimola Deb. Pabitra Dutt, Chuni Lal Nandi, Indu Kiron Bhattacharyya make no statement. Recorded statement of Hem Sen. Soilendra Nath Chatterji, Upen De, Atul Mukerji, Kiron Rai, Gonesh Das, Taranath Rai Chaudhuri, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Prokriti Nath Mazumdar, Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar, Suresh Ch. Mazumdar, Ramapoda Mukerji, Narendra Nath Biswas, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Kristapoda Biswas decline to make any statement. Soilendra K. Das makes a statement. Sushil Biswas declines to make any statement. Kartik Dutt is absent—ill. Recalled three witnesses in presence of accused. Recalled one and examined three witnesses. Accused as before for 13th July.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
		Recalled four witnesses and examined 16.	(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
	11-7-10	Recalled and examined 18 witnesses and examined 13 witnesses.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	16-7-10	Recalled one witness and examined five more. Kartick Dutt says he does not wish to make a statement.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
	20-7-10	One document filed. Re-examined one witness in presence of accused as named. The following accused are discharged:— Haridas Chakravarti, Hem Sen, Norendra Nath Biswas, Prokriti Biswas, Kristapoda Biswas, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji, Lalit K. Chatterji. The rest of the accused are committed to trial before the Hon'ble High Court under sections 121A, 122 and 123, I. P. C.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

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		The discharged accused are released, and Lalit K. Chatterji is released from his bail. Notice has been issued to Charu Ghose and his sureties for his production. A commission is issued to the Extra Assistant Commissioner of Karimganj to examine on commission Mr. E. C. L. Kemp. Certified copies of judgments and convictions in the cases King-Emperor, *versus* Baren Ghose and others. Alipore bomb case; Tara Nath Rai Chaudhari, Arms Act; Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta, murder; Soilen Das and others, Haludbari dacoity; Kartick Dutt, Bighati dacoity; Probodh De, under section 353; Naren Bose and others, section 107; Satya Kiron Bhattacharyya, section 109; Kartick Dutt, section 149, etc., filed. Charu Ghose surrenders, and is committed to *hajat*.	(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

EXHIBIT A.

(Sd.) H. S. F.

4-3.

ORDER.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal that there is reason to believe that during a period commencing from about the year 1902 to the present time at Sibpur, Kidderpore, and other places certain persons have committed offences punishable under sections 121, 121 A, 122, 123 and 124 of the Indian Penal Code, Mr. Walter Murray, Officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah, Bengal, is hereby ordered and authorized by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, under the provisions of section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to make complaint of the commission of the said offences against all persons concerned in their commission, including, amongst others, the persons named in the following list, and to prosecute all such persons under the said sections of the Indian Penal Code or under any other section of the said Code which may be found to be applicable:—

List.

1. Noni Gopal Sen Gupta,
2. Bhutan Mukerji,
3. Bhuban Mukerji,
4. Norendra Nath Chatterji,
5. Bistupado Chatterji,
6. Jogesh Mitra *alias* Madaru,

of Chaudhuripara, Sibpur, Howrah.

7. Atul Mukerji, of Dharamtala Road, Howrah.
8. Gonesh Das, of Dakhim Moyna, Police-station Moyna, Tamluk.
9. Norendra Nath Bose, of No 15-1, Mirzapur Street, Calcutta.
10. Harendra Nath Banerji, of No. 56, College Street, Calcutta.
11. Haridas Chakarvarti, of No. 31, Sitaram Ghose's Street, Calcutta.
12. Sailendra Kumar Das, of No. 4-3, Syama Charan Dey's Street, Calcutta.
13. Rajani Bhattacharji, of No. 38-5, Sukea Street, and Mozilpur, Police-station Jainagar, 24-Parganas.
14. Indu Kiran Chakarburtty,
15. Tincouri Das,
16. Chuni Lal Nundi,

of Mozilpur, Police-station Jainagar.

17. Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, of Beliashishi,
18. Sushil Kumar Biswas, of ditto,
19. Manmatha Nath Biswas, of Mathurapur,
20. Norendra Nath Biswas, of ditto,

Police-station Daulatpur, district Nadia.

21. Bijoy Chakarburtty, of Dighapataya,
22. Satish Chandra Sircar, of Nattore,
23. Srish Chandra Sircar, ditto,

district Rajshahi.

24. Norendra Nath Bhattacharji,
25. Bhusan Chandra Mitra,

of Kodalia, Police-station Sonarpur, district 24-Parganas.

26. Bimola Charan Deb, of No. 78, Mausatola Road, Kidderpur.
27. Sarat Chandra Mitter,
28. Suresh Chandra Mitter,
29. Satish Chandra Mitter,

of No. 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, Kidderpur.

30. Upendra Nath Dey,
31. Kalipado Chakravarti,

of Santragachi, Howrah.

32. Sailendra Nath Chatterji, of Telinipara, Police-station Singur, district Hooghly.
33. Dasarathi Chatterji,
34. Sibu Hazra,
35. Jotin Hazra,
36. Atul Pal,

of Kurchi, Police-station Singti, district Howrah.

37. Manmatha Nath Roy Choudhuri, of Garh Bhowanipur, Police-station Krishnagar, district Hooghly.
38. Kiron Chandra Roy *alias* Harendra Roy, of No. 3, Bridge Road, Chetla.
39. Lalit Kumar Chatterji,
40. Nibaran Chandra Mozumdar,

of Krishnagar, district Nadia.

41. Suresh Chandra Mozumdar *alias* Poran, of Krishnagar, district Nadia, and No. 121, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.
42. Hem Chandra Sen, of Netra, Police-station Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas.
43. Jotindra Nath Mukerji, of Koya, Police-station Kumarkhali, district Nadia, and No. 275, Upper Chitpur Road, Calcutta.
44. Lalit Mohan Chakarvarti, of Netra, Police-station Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas.
45. Haripado Adhikari, of village Kurchi, Police-station Singti, district Howrah.

By order of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Sd.) F. W. DUKE,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Dated the 1st March 1910.

EXHIBIT B.

(Sd.) H. T. S. F.

4-3-10.

COMPLAINT.

In the course of enquiry into the following offences:—

(*i*) Dacoity with dangerous weapons, section 397, Indian Penal Code, which occurred at Chingripota, police-station Sonarpur, District 24-Parganas, on 6th December 1907;

(*ii*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, which occurred at Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, District Howrah, on 3rd April 1908;

(*iii*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, at Bighati, police station Singur, District Hooghly, on 16th September 1908;

(*iv*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, at Pertabchack, police-station Singti, District Howrah, during the *Kali Pujas* of 1908;

(*v*) Murder, section 302, Indian Penal Code, of Sub-Inspector Nunda Lal Banerji in Serpentine Lane, in the town of Calcutta, on 11th November 1908. Death was due from wounds caused by revolver shots;

(*vi*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, at Raita, police-station Damukdia, District Nadia, on 29th November 1908;

(*vii*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397 Indian Penal Code, at Morehal, police-station Krishnagar, District Hooghly, on 2nd December 1908;

(*viii*) Assembling to commit dacoity, section 402, Indian Penal Code, at Kalacharia, police-station Chanditola, District Hooghly, in the month of January 1909;

(*ix*) Two dacoities with firearms, section 397 Indian Penal Code, at Musupur, police-station Haripal, District Hooghly, on 27th February 1909;

(*x*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397 Indian Penal Code, at Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, District 24-Parganas, on 23rd April 1909;

(*xi*) Dacoity with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, at Maharajpur, police-station Chapra, District Nadia, on 27th July 1909;

(*xii*) Two dacoities with firearms, section 397, Indian Penal Code, at Haludbari, police-station Daulatpur, District Nadia, on 28th October 1909;

(*xiii*) Murder, section 302, Indian Penal Code, of Khan Bahadur Maulvi Shamsul Alam at Calcutta on 24th January 1910;

(*xiv*) Seduction of and attempting to seduce certain men of the 10th Jats from their allegiance and their duty, section 131, Indian Penal Code, at Alipore and Kidderpur, in the suburbs of Calcutta, and at Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, District Howrah, during the years 1908, 1909, 1910.

It has been ascertained that they are the work of members of a large secret society which has its headquarters at Sibpur in the District of Howrah and branches in the town of Calcutta, and the Districts of the 24-Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, Bankura, Midnapore, Nadia, Jessore, and Murshidabad. The members of this society bind themselves by vows to serve in any way their leaders until the British Administration is overthrown and India is independent.

Enquiries show that this society is an old-established one, and that several years prior to the commission of any overt acts it had been collecting both men and money for the carrying out of its treasonable objects. From the information available and from the confession of one of the active participants in the work of this society, it appears that an institution known as the *Chattra Bhandar* was one of the first institutions started for carrying out the objects of this society, and that from the funds of this society, and from its members sprang up the organization which is responsible for the abovementioned overt acts. Other bodies which under the guise of innocent associations, have been active in promoting the interests of this society are the Kidderpur *Anusilan Samiti*, the Howrah *Anusilan Samiti*, the Kurchi *Bandhab Samiti*, the Majilpur Students and Young Men's Association, the Krishnagar *Arya* Chemical Works, the Rajshahi *Santi Samiti*, and the now defunct *Atmonnoti Samiti* of Calcutta. During the enquiries made into the abovementioned cases, a large number of houses have been searched, and a quantity of documents discovered which go to show that the members of this society were actively engaged in the dissemination of sedition, and in the houses of certain members firearms and cartridges were also discovered.

The dacoities committed by members of this society have been for the purpose of raising funds, in accordance with the advice given in the Revolutionary Manual—*Mukti Kon Pathe*—and in the now defunct newspaper *Jugantar*. It is in evidence (in the Alipore Bomb Case) that the *Jugantar* was in close connection with the *Chattra Bhandar*, from which institution, the works printed by the *Jugantar* could be purchased. The murders which have been committed were in both cases those of police officers who had made themselves conspicuous in thwarting the work of the Revolutionary party, of which this society is a branch. The seduction of and attempt to seduce certain men of the 10th Jats from their allegiance accords with the treasonable practices advocated in *Mukti Kon Pathe*, and the seduction of the Indian Army from its allegiance is one of the main objects of this society. There are therefore reasonable grounds for believing that all overt acts committed by

members of this society, such as dacoities for raising money, the dissemination of sedition, the murder of Government servants, and the seduction of the Native Army, have been committed in pursuance of a conspiracy to overawe and overthrow the British Administration in India and to deprive His Majesty the King of the sovereignity of British India.

Among those concerned in the aforesaid overt acts, the persons mentioned below are now under arrest or in confinement:—

I.—In the Netra Dacoity Case and for abetment thereof:—

(1) Nani Gopal Sen Gupta,
(2) Bhutan Mukerji,
(3) Bhuban Mukerji,
(4) Bistupoda Chatterji,
(5) Jogesh Mitter,
} of Sibpur, Howrah.

(6) Norendra Nath Bose, of 15-1, Mirzapur Street, Calcutta.
(7) Haridas Chakravarti, of 31, Sitaram Ghose's Street, Calcutta.
(8) Rajani Bhattacharji, of 38-5, Sukea's Street, Calcutta, and Mozilpur.
(9) Tincouri Das, of Mozilpur, police station Jaynagar, 24-Parganas.
(10) Norendra Nath Bhattacharji, of Kodalia, police-station Sonarpur, 24-Parganas.
(11) Bhusan Mitter, of Kodalia, police-station Sonarpur, 24-Parganas.
(12) Sarat Mitter,
(13) Suresh Mitter,
} of 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, Kidderpur.

(14) Hem Chandra Sen, of Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas.
(15) Lalit Mohon Chakravarti, of Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas.

II.—In the Haludbari Dacoity Case:—

(1) Ganesh Das, of Dakhin Moyna, police-station Moyna, Midnapore.
(2) Sailendra Kumar Das, of 4, Shyama Charan Dey's Street, Calcutta.
(3) Sailendra Chatterji, of Telinipara, police-station Singur, Hooghly.
(4) Upendra Dey, of Jowgacha, police-station Jowgacha, District Howrah.
(5) Atul Mukherji, of Dharamtala Street, police-station Howrah, District Howrah.
(6) Kiran *alias* Harendra Roy, of 3, Bridge Road, Chetla, Calcutta.
(7) Manmatha Nath Biswas,
(8) Narendra Nath Biswas,
} of Mathurapur, police-station Daulatpur, Nadia.

(9) Bidhu Bhusan Biswas,
(10) Sushil Kumar Biswas,
} of Baliashiahi, police-station Daulatpur, Nadia.

III.—In a gang case instituted at Sibpur police-station, District Howrah, under section 400, Indian Penal Code:—

(1) Lalit Chatterji, of Krishnagar, District Nadia.
(2) Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar, of Krishnagar, District Nadia.
(3) Jotindra Nath Mukerji, of Koya, police-station Kumarkhali, District Nadia, and 275, Upper Chitpur Road, Calcutta.
(4) Suresh Chandra Mazumdar *alias* Poran, of Krishnagar, Nadia, and 121, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.

IV.—In proceedings under section 110, Criminal Procedure Code, against the following four persons, two of whom were discharged in the Morehal dacoity case, while the other two were named by confessing accused as participants in the dacoity:—

(1) Dasarathi Chatterji,
(2) Sibu Hazra,
(3) Jotindra Hazra,
(4) Atul Pal,
} of Kurchi, police-station Singti, District Howrah.

V.—*In the Morehal dacoity case*—Manmatha Nath Roy Chaudhuri, of Garh Bhowanipur, police-station Krishnagar, District Hooghly (convicted and now in jail).

VI.—In the case under the Prisons Act (for surreptitiously introducing a letter into Kushtia Subdivisional Jail, which letter was directed to one of the accused in the Haludbari case) against the following person who was arrested, and while on bail, has been rearrested in connection with a gang case instituted at Sibpur, District Howrah, under section 400, Indian Penal Code:—

(1) Harendra Nath Banerji, of Dacca, and 56, College Street, Calcutta.

VII.—In a case under sections 19 and 20 of the Arms Act against the following person:—

(1) Bijoy Chakravarti, of Dighapatia, District Rajshahi.

In addition to the abovementioned persons there is reason to believe that the following, together with numerous other persons, are active members of the aforesaid secret society:—

(1) Narendra Nath Chatterji, of 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, Kidderpur.
(2) Indu Kiran Chakravarti,
(3) Chuni Lal Nandi,
} of Mozilpur, police-station Joynagar, District 24-Parganas.

(4) Satish Chandra Sarkar,
(5) Sirish Chandra Sarkar,
} of Natore, District Rajshahi.

(6) Bimla Ch. Deb, of 79,
(7) Panna Lal Dey, of 71,
} Mamatola Road, Kidderpore.

(8) Kalipada Chakravarti, of Santragachi, District Howrah,
(9) Charu Chandra Ghosh, of 6, Mohesh Ch. Dutt's Lane, Chetla.
(10) Haradhan Banerji, of the Arya Chemical Works, Krishnagar.
(11) Joynarayan Misser, of Khargole, District Patna.
(12) Sishir Kumar Bose, } of Gora Bazar, District Murshidabad.
(13) Jyotish Ch. Mukerji, }
(14) Pabitra Ch. Dutt, of 4-1, College Street.
(15) Raghunath Banerji, of 12, Wellington Lane, Calcutta.
(16) Probash Ch. De, of 16-1, Gobind Sarkar's Lane, Calcutta.
(17) Sarat Chandra Khan, pleader of Goabagan, Calcutta.
(18) Ajit Kumar Roy, of 37-1, Wellington Street, Calcutta.
(19) Amaresh Kanjilal, of Wellington Street, Calcutta.
(20) Indra Nath Nandy, and many others.

Accordingly, I hereby complain against the abovementioned persons on the ground that they with others have committed offences punishable under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, and 124, Indian Penal Code, and I do at the same time tender the order and authority of the Local Government directing and empowering me to make this complaint.

I further pray that warrants may be issued for the arrest of such of the abovementioned persons as are not already under arrest or in confinement, and whose names are included in the sanction of Government tendered herewith.

(Sd.) W. MURRAY,
Offg. Deputy Superintendent, Howrah.
4-3-10.

Complaint of Mr. Murray under section 196, Criminal Procedure Code, made on solemn affirmation before me, H. T. S. Forrest, District Magistrate of Howrah, on the 4th March 1910.

My name is Walter Murray, and I am at present officiating as Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah. I have obtained sanction from the Local Government to make this complaint. This is the written sanction (identifies Exhibit A). I identify Mr. Duke's signature thereon.

I identify also this petition of complaint (Exhibit B). I identify my signature thereon. The contents of this petition are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I ask for process only against those persons mentioned in the order of the Local Government.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
4-3-1910.

(Sd.) W. MURRAY,
Offg. Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Town Howrah
4-3-10.

Complaint of Mr. W. Murray, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah, in connection with case Emperor versus *Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and others, sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, 124, Indian Penal Code, taken by me, H. S. Forrest, District Magistrate of Howrah, on this 19th day of March 1910.*

(*Sworn*).—I complain against Charu Ch. Ghose and Pulin Mitter under sections 121, 121 A, 122, 123, 124, Indian Penal Code. I produce the Government sanction (Exhibit C). I identify the signature of Mr. Duke, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, thereon. I put in a written complaint (Exhibit D). It is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Charu Ch. Ghose is an accused in the gang case (section 400). I have asked for his arrest. He is mentioned as a member of the gang in the confession of Lalit Mohon Chakravarti. The other man is mentioned in the confession of Jotin Hazra as being a member of the gang. I believe that both of these men are active members of the *undisputed* confederacy and waging war against the Emperor, which has been unearthed by the police, and I ask for warrants of arrest against each of these persons.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
19-3-1910.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
19-3.

(Sd.) W. MURRAY,
Offg. Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Howrah.
19-3-10.

Order.—Warrants issued accordingly.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
19-3-1910

No. 1246P., dated Calcutta, the 4th March 1910.

From—F. W. DUKE, ESQ., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
To—The District Magistrate of Howrah.

WITH reference to my letter No. 632P., dated the 4th February 1910, I am directed to forward herewith an order to apply Part I of Act XIV of 1908 to the case named in the margin, and to request that you will be so good as to deal with it in accordance with the provisions of the Act in question.

Emperor *versus* Lalit Mohan Chakravarti and others, sections 121 to 124, Indian Penal Code.

ORDER.

WHEREAS the District Magistrate of Howrah has taken cognizance of certain offences under sections 121 to 124 of the Indian Penal Code (XLV of 1860) alleged to have been committed by the persons accused in the case of Emperor *versus* Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and others :

And whereas no order of commitment to the High Court or Court of Sessions has been made in the said case under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1908):

And whereas it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal that, in the interests of peace and good order, the provisions of Part I of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908 (XIV of 1908), should be made to apply to proceedings in respect of the said offences :

Now therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the sanction of the Governor-General in Council, hereby directs, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the said Act, that the provisions of the said Part shall apply to the said proceedings.

By order of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Sd.) F. W. DUKE,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Dated the 4th March 1910.

EXHIBIT C.

(Sd) H. T. S. F.
19-3.

ORDER.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal that there is reason to believe that during a period commencing from about the year 1902 to the present time at Sibpur, Kidderpore and other places, certain persons have committed offences punishable under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, and 124 of the Indian Penal Code, Mr. Walter Murray, Officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah, Bengal, is hereby ordered and authorised by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal under the provisions of section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to make complaint of the commission of the said offences against all persons concerned in their commission, including, amongst others, the persons named in the following list, and to prosecute all such persons under the said sections of the Indian Penal Code or under any other section of the said Code which may be found to be applicable.

List.

(1) Charu Chandra Ghose, of 6, Mohesh Dutt's Lane, Chetla, Alipur.
(2) Pulin Mitter of Jowgacha, police-station Jowgacha, District Howrah.

By order of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Sd.) F. W. DUKE,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Dated the 15th March 1910.

EXHIBIT D.

(Sd.) H. T. S. F.
19-3-1910.

TO THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, HOWRAH.

THAT in continuation of my petition of complaint, I beg to complain against the following two persons and herewith tender the sanction of the Government of Bengal for their prosecution under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, and 124 of the Indian Penal Code. I have reasons to believe that these two persons belong to the same gang and are members of

the same secret society which aim at the overthrow of the British supremacy. They have also taken part in other illegal acts in furtherance of the conspiracy set forth in the previous, petition :I therefore beg that warrants of arrest may be issued against them :—

(1) Charu Chandra Ghose, of 6, Mohesh Dutt's Lane, Chetla, Alipur.
(2) Pulin Mitter of Jowgacha, police-station Jowgacha, Howrah.

(Sd.) W. MURRAY,
Offg. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah.
19-3-10.

RECORDED UNDER SECTION 196, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE.

Complaint of Mr. W. Murray, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah, in connection with the case Emperor versus *Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and others (sections 121, 121-A, 122, 123, 124, Indian Penal Code), taken by me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, on the 21st May 1910.*

[*Sworn.*]—My name is Walter Murray, and I am officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah. I have obtained the sanction of the Local Government to make this further complaint (Exhibit E). This is the order (Exhibit F). I identify Mr. Levinge's signature. I ask for warrant against the nine persons named in the Government order. The contents of the petition are true to my knowledge and belief.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
21-5-10.

EXHIBIT E.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
21-5.

IN the course of further enquiry into this case, it has transpired that those persons, who have been arrested in the Raita dacoity case, and who are not at present accused persons under sections 121, etc, Indian Penal Code, are members of the same secret organization, against the members of which this present case has been instituted. They are:—

(1) Rampada Mukherji,
(2) Bhupendra Roy Chaudhuri, } of Rampur Boalia, District Rajshahi.
(3) Prakriti Biswas, of Tekala,
(4) Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji, of Bedharia,
(5) Kristopado Biswas, of Tekala, } police-station Daulatpur, District Nadia.
(6) Santipada Mukerji, of Dacca.
(7) Satis Ch. Das Gupta (absconder), of Komarpur, Faridpur.

Enquiry has further shown that the *Jugantar* newspaper and the secret organization which existed at Muraripukur Garden in the suburbs of Calcutta were branches of this large secret society, and that the following members are co-conspirators:—

(1) Barindra Kumar Ghose, son of K. D. Ghose, of 32, Muraripukur Road.
(2) Indu Bhusan Rai, son of Tarak Nath Rai, of Sriphaltola, Khulna.
(3) Ullaskar Dutt, son of Dwijadas Dutt, of Kalikancha, Brahmanberia, Tippera.
(4) Upendra Nath Banerji, son of Roma Nath Banerji, of Gondalpara, French Chandernagore.
(5) Shisir Kumar Ghose, son of Tarini Ghose, of Sagordari, Keshabpur, Jessore.
(6) Nalini Kumar Gupta, son of Rajani Kumar Gupta, of Harowa, Faridpur.
(7) Sachindra Kumar Sen, son of Debendra Nath Sen, of Sonarang, Munshiganj, Dacca.
(8) Poresh Chandra Mullik, son of Jadav Chandra Mullick, of Rainagar, Magurah Jessore.
(9) Kunjo Lal Shaha, son of Ram Lal Shaha, of Mozampur, Kushtia, Nadia.
(10) Bejoy Kumar Nag, son of Bepin Behari Nag, of Basabati, Bagerhat, Khulna.
(11) Narendra Nath Bakshi, son of Umesh Chandra Bakshi, of Mathpur, police-station Mahadevpur, Rajshahi.
(12) Purna Chandra Sen, son of Jogendra Nath Sen, of Chandpur, Daspur, Midnapore.
(13) Hemendra Nath Ghose, son of Rai Charan Ghose, of Sagordari, Keshabpur Jessore.
(14) Bibhuti Bhusan Sirkar, son of Saroda Sirkar, of Sutragarh, Santipur, Nadia.
(15) Nirapada Rai, son of Rajoni Kanto Rai, of Baghachra, Santipur, Nadia.
(16) Kanai Lall Dutt, son of Chuni Lall Dutt, of Tantipara, Serampur, Hooghly.
(17) Hem Chandra Das, son of Khetra Mohan Das, of Radhanagore, Narayangarh, Midnapore.
(18) Arabindo Ghose, son of K. D. Ghose, of 48, Grey Street (*Navasakti* office).
(19) Abinash Chandra Bhattacharji, son of Uma Charan Bhattacharji, of Arbellia, Baduria, 24-Parganas.

(20) Sailendra Nath Bose, son of Kedar Nath Bose, of Arbellia, Baduria, 24-Parganas.
(21) Asoke Chandra Nandi, son of Mohendra Chandra Nandi, of Kalikachha, Brahmanberia, Tippera.
(22) Din Doyal Bose, son of Kedar Nath Bose, of Arbellia, Baduria, 24-Parganas.
(23) Narendra Nath Gossain, son of Debendra Nath Gossain, of Serampur, Hooghly.
(24) Sudhir Kumar Sirkar, son of Prosonno Kumar Sirkar, Civil Hospital Assistant, Khulna.
(25) Kristo Jiban Sanyal, son of Kali Kristo Sanyal, of Kansat, post-office Kansat, Maldah.
(26) Hrishikesh Kanjilal, son of Amar Nath Kanjilal, of Chatra, Serampur, Hooghly.
(27) Birendra Nath Ghose, son of Trailokhya Nath Ghose, of Sagordari, Keshabpur, Jessore.
(28) Khudiram Bose.
(29) Susil Kumar Sen, son of Kailash Chandra Sen,
(30) Birendra Chandra Sen, son of Kailash Chandra Sen, } of Beniachang, Sylhet.
(31) Hem Kumar Sen, son of Kailash Chandra Sen,
(32) Devabrata Bose, son of Ashutosh Bose, of 55-3, Grey Street, police-station Burtollah, Calcutta.
(33) Indra Nath Nandi, son of Major Sambhu Chandra Nandi, of 37, College Street, Calcutta.
(34) Nikhileswar Roy Moulik, son of Umesh Chandra Roy Moulik, of 68, Manicktolla Street, Calcutta.
(35) Bal Krishan Kane, son of Hari Kane, of Yeotmal, Berar.
(36) Bijoy Chandra Bhattacharyya, son of Krishna Das Vedantabagish, of 10 Rani Sankari's Lane, Bhowanipur, Calcutta.
(37) Jotindra Nath Banerji, son of Kali Das Banerji, of Channa, police-station Gulsi, Burdwan.
(38) Satyendra Nath Bose, of Colonelgola, Midnapore.
(39) Charu Chandra Roy, son of Doyal Chandra Roy, of Chandernagore.
(40) Provash Chandra *alias* Kanai Lal Deb, of 52, Mechhua Bazar Street, Calcutta.
(41) Tara Nath Roy Chaudhuri, of Lamchar, Noakhali.
(42) Kartick Chandra Dutt, of Santipur, Nadia, and others.

It has been mentioned in the previous complaint that the organisation known as the *Chatra Bhandar* is an integral part of the conspiracy against the Government; and two of its members, Pabitra Dutt and Raghunath Banerji, have already been named. In addition to these names, the following appear to be leading members of the organization and therefore co-conspirators:—

(1) Indra Nath Nandi, of 37, College Street,
(2) Probash Dey, of 16-1, Gobind Sirkar's Lane,
(3) Annoda Roy, of 202, Cornwallis Street,
(4) Akhoy Bhattacharji, of 4-1, College Square,
} Calcutta,

and others.

I hereby complain against the abovementioned persons, who with others have committed offences under sections 121, 121-A, 122, 123, and 124, Indian Penal Code, and do at the same time tender the sanction of the Local Government for the prosecution of certain of the abovementioned persons under the sections noted.

(Sd) W. MURRAY,
Offg. Dy. Supdt. of Police.
Howrah,
21-5-10.

EXHIBIT F.

(Sd.) H. P.
21-5.

ORDER.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal that there is reason to believe that during a period commencing from about the year 1902 to the present time at Sibpur, Kidderpore, and other places certain persons have committed offences punishable under sections 121, 121-A, 122, 123 and 124 of the Indian Penal Code, Mr. Walter Murray, Officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police, Howrah, Bengal, is hereby ordered and authorized by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal under the provisions of section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to make complaint of the commission of the said offences against all persons concerned in their commission, including, amongst others, the persons named in the following list, and to

prosecute all such persons under the said sections of the Indian Penal Code, or under any other section of the said Code which may be found to be applicable.

List.

(1) Ramapada Mukherji,
(2) Bhupendra Roy Chaudhuri, } of Rampur Boalia, District Rajshahi.
(3) Prakriti Biswas, of Tekala,
(4) Bibhuti Bhusan Mukherji, of Bedharia,
(5) Kristopado Biswas, of Tekala, } police-station Daulatpur, District Nadia.
(6) Tara Nath Roy Chaudhuri, of Lamchar, Noakhali.
(7) Kartic Chandra Dutt, of Santipur, Nadia.
(8) Pabitra Dutt, of 4-1, College Square, Calcutta.
(9) Annoda Roy, of Sthalbasantpur, Pabna, and Belurghat, Dinajpur.

By order of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Sd.) E. V. LEVINGE,

Offg. Chief Secretary to the Govt of Bengal.

DARJEELING,
Dated the 16th May 1910.

STATEMENT OF ACCUSED PERSON.

(SECTION 3, ACT XIV OF 1908.)

The statement of Jotin Hazra, aged about 21 years, made before me, H. T. S. Forrest, Magistrate of the 1st class at Howrah, on the 17th day of February 1910, in the Bengali language interpreted by Jnaranjan Mukherji.

MY name is Jotin Hazra. My father's name is Adhar Ch. Hazra. I am by caste Sadgop, and by occupation cultivator. My home is at mauza Kurchi, thana Sibpti, District Howrah. I reside at Kurchi.

Q.—I am a Magistrate. Do you wish to make any statement voluntarily?

A.—Yes, I do.

Q.—Have you been tutored to make any statement?

A.—No.

Q.—Do you understand that anything you may say now will be evidence against you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What do you wish to say?

A.—I used to work in my maternal uncle's shop at Jamapur. Our circumstances were bad, there being six of us—brothers. I am the eldest. I have a widowed mother to support and a wife. I therefore left my uncle's shop and took service with a *ganja* and opium seller, who kept a shop in Chitpur Road. This was about five years ago.

I lost the employment and remained for some time without employment at home. Then one day, about two and a half years ago, Shibu Hazra, who is a fellow-villager of mine and is my friend, came to me and said, "If you will take an oath I will tell you something." I asked what that was—he said it was a terrible business which he would not disclose to me unless I took an oath. After some further conversation, he told me that it was something to do with *swadeshi*, and that I should be able to maintain myself by means of it and also do good to others.

He proceeded further to say that I would be shown the leaders of the affair, who were learned men of good position. I asked what particular work I would have to do. Then he said, "dacoity." I asked what "dacoity" had to do with *swadeshi*. He said that it was not a crime, because we should commit dacoity in the houses of misers and use their money for the good of our country. I said that I would not commit dacoity simply at his bidding, but must be shown the "big men". Nothing more was said on that day.

A few days afterwards I became ill, and went to my maternal uncle's house (Rakhal Chandra Ghose of Kristopur in Jahanabad). Three days after I had arrived there a man called Satya Ch. Banerji came to me saying that he had been sent by Shibu Hazra, and handed me over a letter from Shibu. In the letter it was written that the "big men" I wanted to see had come from Calcutta to Kurchi and that I must come at once.

Satya was a bad boy; he used to take *ganja* with me. So when my uncle found him there, he abused him and asked him why he had come. He asked me, too, why he had come. I said I did not know, whereupon my uncle began to beat me, and I told Satya to go away, and gave him no answer.

A few days after Shibu himself came to my uncle's house and told me that his sister was going to be married and that I must come to the marriage. I asked leave from my uncle, and accompanied Shibu the next day to Kurchi.

I remained ten days with Shibu at Kurchi; he reproached me for not having come to see the Babus from Calcutta, when I had received information from him. At

the end of ten days he took me to Sibpur to the house of Bhuban Mohan Mukherji. I sat down in one of the rooms and about half an hour afterwards Bhuban came and asked my name and address and all about me and went away. Some time afterwards a man, whom I afterwards knew as Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, came and asked me the same. He then talked to me about *swadeshi*, and said that I ought to help my country as much as possible, no matter whether by fair means or foul.

He said I ought to show strength of mind, strength of character, and self-reliance in the cause of *swadeshi*.

I asked what particular work I should have to do at once, and he said "dacoity." Then he got up and went away, and I stopped there with Shibu and had our meal. Then about half-past four Noni Gopal again came, and when I asked him what had dacoity to do with *swadeshi*, he said that there were many people in the *swadeshi* organisation, and that the proceeds of dacoities would first be used to purchase weapons of offence and defence, and afterwards, when plenty of money had been obtained, the English would be driven out of India. He said that his society was a "Secret Society." He then administered an oath to me, saying, "You are sitting on the same seat as a Brahmin, if you disclose anything I am going to tell you, you will be a bastard son, and a *Brahmaner Dibya*." I also had to swear by the Ganges and other things.

After that he asked me whether I was married. I said, "Yes." He said that in his society nobody was supposed to marry. He then went away. At night we took our meals there. Next morning, after Noni Gopal had exhorted Shibu and myself to cultivate strength of mind, self-reliance, and purity of thought, we went home to Kurchi in a carriage.

Jogesh *alias* Madaru and Kristo (Bhuban's brother) were present when Noni Gopal gave me the oath and spoke to me.

We remained at Kurchi for two and a half months—Shibu and I. Shibu used occasionally to go to Calcutta, and used occasionally to ask me whether I had acquired sufficient strength of mind or not.

At the end of two and a half months Shibu told me that Noni had called me to Sibpur; and two days after Shibu and I went to Sibpur, to Bhuban's house.

When we arrived Bhuban and Kristo asked me how far I had been able to acquire strength of mind. I said that I had acquired sufficient strength of mind. Some time after Noni Gopal Babu came and asked me the same question, and I said that I was ready to do the work he wanted me to do, but I said that until I saw what he did I would not definitely join them in their work.

He then said, "Look out for an opportunity for dacoity in your own neighbourhood and tell us, and then we shall come and commit a dacoity." Next morning Shibu and I returned to Kurchi. Shibu said that he would look out for a likely place for a dacoity, and that I might do my own business.

Shibu at this time used to go to Calcutta occasionally, while I looked after my own business. There was a Baishnab's house at the south end of Singti in which a vagabond person, whose name I don't know but who was a *ganja*-eater, used to live. Shibu asked this man to help them in the dacoity business. He said that there was a good house in Jahanabad, at Debara, or Kulbona, I forget which; there was a discussion about committing a dacoity there, but nothing came of it.

Then in *Aswin* before last, seven persons from Sibpur came to Krishnagar station, where I met them by appointment to a village called Anburti, and concealed them in a jungle near a tank. The men's names were Keshab De, Badul Mitra, Pulin Mitra, Kalipoda Bhattacharji, Satish Babu, Bhola Nath Babu *alias* Noren, and another man whose name I don't know, but whom I could recognise. Each man had a revolver and cartridges with him. They sent me away to send Shibu to them, which I did. At half-past eight or nine the dacoity was committed in Raja Ram Rakshit's house in Protapchak Binodbutti. I saw it from a distance of a quarter of a mile. I heard a noise and the sound of revolvers. I, Shibu, and Dasu (Dasurathi Chatterji of Kurchi) were watching the movements of the villagers. Dasu was also in the secret. One Hari Adhikari of Kurchi accompained the dacoits to point out the house. After the dacoity the dacoits came to the place of the sugar mill, as I heard. I had no talk with them, but at one o'clock Shibu took Dasu and me to the sugar mill. We found Hari only there with seven revolvers, a sword, and a dagger. We all went near a tank and buried the revolvers. Shibu took away the sword and dagger with him. Five or seven days after Shibu brought back more revolvers and took them to Calcutta, as he told me.

Afterwards in the month of *Agrahan* we committed a dacoity at Morehal at Soshi Shah's house. There were I, Shibu, Hari, Atal Pal of Kurchi, Dasurathi Chatterji, Monmatha Chaudhuri of Garh Bhowanipur, Nityanand Singha Rai of South Singti, Kristo Ghose of South Singti, Sotish *Chokra*, a Brahmin boy who used to read in the Garh Bhowanipur School. We committed the dacoity at about half-past eight. We got only a gold *nauth* and a string of gold beads. We had two revolvers with us, three swords, and a dagger. The gold articles were taken by Dasu and given (as he told me) to Noni Babu at Sibpur. After this dacoity I came to Sibpur and lived in the house of Bhuban Babu. We were absconding at the time, because Manmatha Chaudhuri was arrested and gave out our names. I remained for seven days at Sibpur, and for one day at Badul Mitra's house at Santragachi.

While I was in Bhuban's house I met many people belonging to Noni Gopal's secret society:—for instance, Bistu Mukherji of Sibpur, Kali Babu of Sibpur, probably a Kayastha,

and a man called "master," whom I can recognise—he used to remain in the house as tutor to Bhuban's children—Tincouri Ghose; many others whom I can recognise if I see them; many respectable people who came from Calcutta and talked in English.

I heard from Bhuban Babu that they had two meeting places—one at Kidderpur and one at Simla (Calcutta). I heard Bhuban mention one Haran Babu as one of the members of the society. After some days spent at Sibpur, Noni Babu gave me three rupees and I returned home. In the month of *Magh* I was arrested in my village for the Morehal dacoity. I was released on the 18th *Baisakh*. I was sent up in a 110 case and was bound down on 17th August and was in jail, and came out of jail on Friday last, having given security. I was arrested again the day before yesterday—why I don't know.

I had one interview with Noni Gopal at his house after I was acquitted in the Morehal case, and asked him for some money. He appointed a day for me to come and see him, but I did not go. I saw several new revolvers which Noni Gopal and Bhuban were handling. I know nothing more.

Q.—Why have you made this confession?

A.—I have become repentant because I can not feed my mother and my young brothers. I now recognise that all this dacoity business was bad. I have been worse off since the dacoities than before. I have no means of livelihood.

Q.—Do you wish to say anything else?

A.—I wish to say that Bhola Nath married a widow—he used to live at a doctor's place, whose brother is named Satish whom I have already named. I also remember that Shibu once told me that he, Bhuban, Noni, Jogesh Mitter, Bholanath *alias* Noren, Kristo and others had committed a dacoity at Sibpur before the Morehal dacoity. He told me, too, that Noni used to go to Birbhum, Barakar, Dacca and other places in connection with the dacoity business.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
17-2-1910.

THE above statement was taken by me and contains a full and true translation of the statement made in Bengali by Jotin Hazra. I believe the statement to have been voluntarily made.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
17-2-1910.

RECORDED at my residence in Howrah on the afternoon of the 17th February 1910.

(Sd.) H. T. S. FORREST.
17-2-1910.

In the case of Emperor versus *Lalit Mohan Chakravarti and others under sections 121-124, Indian Penal Code.*

WHEREAS it appears from the confession of the accused Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and the verification of the confession that it is necessary for the ends of justice to obtain the evidence of the said Lalit Mohan Chakravarti who is directly concerned in and privy to the offences under sections 121, 121 A, 122, and 123, Indian Penal Code, now under enquiry before me, and which offences are all exclusively made triable by the High Court under Act XIV of 1908, I hereby do tender pardon to the said Lalit Mohon Chakravarti on condition of his making a full and true disclosure of the whole of the circumstances within his knowledge relative to the offences mentioned above.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
Magistrate of the 1st class.
23-3-10.

THE charges under the above sections were read out and explained to the accused; the above order was read out and explained to him. He having accepted it on conditions mentioned above, I discharge him and direct that he shall be examined as a witness in this case. It is further ordered that he shall be detained in custody until the termination of the trial in the High Court.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
Magistrate of the 1st class.
23-3-10.

DEPOSITION given under the pardon tendered, under sections 121-124.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Lalit Mohan Chakravarti, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Magistrate of first class, Howrah, this 23rd day of March 1910.

MY name is Lalit Mohon Chakravarti. My father's name is Prio Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour,

zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in Fort William, police-station zilla where I am detained in the custody of Sati Prosad Ganguli, Sub-Deputy Magistrate, who is sitting here. (After this was said Babu Sati Prosad Ganguli withdrew from the Court.) I made a confession before the Deputy Magistrate of Diamond Harbour in reference to the Netra dacoity. The Deputy Magistrate is the Subdivisional Officer. His name is, I believe, Charu Chandra Chatterji. That confession was true in every particular, nor did I conceal anything. I remember, too, that I accompanied two *hakims* from place to place to point out places and particulars in confirmation of my confession to the Subdivisional Officer, Diamond Harbour. I think this was at the end of last December. I was with the *hakims* showing places about 1½ month, including times when I did not go out. I was out with Sati Babu about 20 days. Then *volunteers*:—It was, I think, from November that I went about with the first *hakim*, whose name was N. Sen, whom I can identify if I see him. Whatever I told these two *hakims* and whatever I showed them was correct.

I understand why I have been offered a pardon by the Magistrate trying this case; because I have promised and undertaken to disclose the truth and will conceal nothing.

I am a Brahmin. My father is alive. I suppose he is at Netra, where he has his residence. He married twice. I am a son by his first wife, who is dead. After her death he married again. My maternal uncle Sarat Ch. Chakravarti is alive. My real surname is Nundi, a Boidik Brahmin, and we are called Chakravarti as a title only. My uncle lives at Sibganj in Howrah district. My maternal grandfather Moti Lal Chakravarti is alive. I have two other maternal uncles—one Bejoy Kumar Chakarvarti and Lalu (a little boy about four years old). They all live at Sibganj. I am unmarried. My father tried to get me married and I, having become a member of the secret society, did not go home, and declined to get married. Before two years I used to go to my uncle's home for two or three days at a time regularly. In the last two years I have only been there once for a couple of days, in *Magh* or *Falgun* 1908. I know a certain amount of English, and have passed the Entrance Examination from the Diamond Harbour School in 1905.

When I was still at school, there is a village near our village called Panchagram. To the house of Bhuban Chandra Babbotan (he is a *ganti* of Benoy Kristo Deb, Raja Bahadur) Sachidananda Swami came. I heard a very learned man and a Brahmachari had come there; so I went to see him. I made his acquaintance and frequently went there. He was there about 15 days. He talked to me instructing me in religious and secular matters. I think this was in the year of the Coronation, before the Coronation actually took place. Sachidananda lived at Brindaban. Where he lives now I can't say. I used to know his address, but have forgotten it. The Swami gave me religious books to read, and reading these books and receiving instructions from him, I began to be disinclined to have anything to do with the affairs of the world. The Swami knew English. He told me he was an M.A. His original name was Umesh Ch. Banerji. When he became a *sanyasi* he adopted the name of Gopabala Sachidanandi Swami, and he wore ornaments like a woman. After passing the Entrance I did not try to get work, nor did I go on studying. I sat idly at home. My father then sent me to Calcutta to learn shorthand and typing. While I was sitting idly at home, I used to write to the Swami, and he wrote to me. He taught me such things as that the world is unreal and nothing. I came to Calcutta in 1906—October. I went to reside at the mess at 46, Machua Bazar Street—it was in the house of one Mitra, who lived next door. I first joined the Bow Bazar Fonetik School. I don't remember who was the proprietor. I did not attend regularly. I was there two or three months, and then I gave it up. My father's elder brother's sons lived in the mess. People from our neighbourhood used to live in the mess. Hem Chandra Sen was there, and so were his two brothers. I knew Hem Chandra from before. He was my father's disciple. Hem was at the mess when I arrived. I knew from before that he had dedicated his life to the improvement of the country. His age is about 25. His parents used to cry that he never came home, and there was a rumour that he had dedicated his life for the improvement of the country. But at that time I did not know how he had done it. After I joined the mess and so became intimate with Hem Sen, I came to know how he meant to improve the condition of the country. He began to give me instructions how to achieve independence for the country. He said, may be it will take a 100 or 200 years, we must begin collecting arms and have in every district four or five men members of a society. He did not then say what society. I asked whether his society was like the Anti-Circular Society or some other public bodies; but he said it was not that sort of society. I had my discussions and arguments with him, and so got to understand what sort of society he meant. I knew Probash Ch. Deb. A little after I had come to the mess at Machua Bazar Street, I was introduced to him by Hem Sen. There are two Probhash Ch. Deb's. This one lived at 52, Machua Bazar Street, in his own house. The other Probhash Ch. Deb lives in Bow Bazar. I know the house, but I do not remember the *gali* in which the house is. He is an M.A.

(1902.)

Probash (of Machua Bazar) used to lecture in College Square, and he took me there to hear him. About that time the two parties, "extremist" and "moderate," came into existence. He lectured for the extremists. I can't remember what he said. The purport of his lectures was that the country will not be improved by commerce and industry, and that physical strength was necessary for the purpose of gaining the country's independence

Given in English.
(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

I wanted to improve my health by use of *lathi*, sword and dagger, and I told him so. He took me to the *Atmonnati Samiti* in a school in Bow Bazar. That school was the branch of a High school in Machua Bazar. There I practised these actions with *lathi*, etc. This school was in a blind lane, by the side of which is a large yellow house. The school had a frontage in Bow Bazar, but the ground where we exercised was at the back down the blind lane. [*Volunteers*]:—I think the name of the school was Khelat Chandra Institution. Afterwards we had our exercises at the Bengal National College, after it was removed to near the Railway Police Office in Bow Bazar.

At these exercises I met Bepin Chandra Ganguli, Durga Charan Banerji, Indra Nath Nandi, son of Colonel S. C. Nandi, Harish Chandra Sikdar, Kali Kumar Rai, Satish Ch. Mukerji, Harish Ch. Mukerji, Chuni Lal Nandi, Lalit Mohan Palit, Asutosh Chatterji, Susil Kumar Sen, Birendra Kumar Sen, and others. Probash Deb, M.A, was the secretary of this *samiti*.

Probash De, of Machua Bazar, one day said to me—You must go and work under Indra Nandi. Take this letter and go to him. He said this as he then knew my mind. I took the letter to 37, College Street, to Indra Nandi.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-3-10.

READ over to the witness in English, and Bengali, when he did not understand English, and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-3-10.

THIS was read over to me, explained and admitted the deposition to be correct.

(Sd.) LALIT MOHON CHAKRAVARTI.

(He wrote the above lines in English and explained them in Bengali.)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-3-10.

RECALLED ON 24TH MARCH 1910.

On solemn affirmation.—At that time he gave me the letter, I was staying at 66 Nebutola Lane. The Calcutta High School is located there. My cousins lived in the third floor, and the school was in the two lower floors; and I lived with them. I had gone there five or seven days before Probash gave me the letter to Indra Nandi. On giving the letter to Indra, he told me to take my things and go and live at 15-1 or 15-2 Bhawani Charan Dutt's Lane, where the *Jugantar* and the *Chatra Bhandar* mess was, and I went (October) there. This was the end of *Aswin* 1906. Indra took me there on the same day as I removed to this mess and *initiated* (in English) me. I went to the mess in the morning, and at 11 A.M. Indra Nandi initiated me before meal-time. It is the custom for the initiation ceremony to take place before meal-time. Jotin Mitter and Lal Behari Rai lived in the mess, and they took me there.

On entering the house they two went away, and Indra Nandi took me alone to the third floor of his house. The house is Indra Nandi's, and he lived there quite alone. In that room was a steel trunk, very large, a bedstead (*kat*) of English fashion, not a *tuktapush*. There was a table and some chairs (I don't remember how many). There was a stone figure of Sivaji. It was on the east side. The deep part of the house is east to west. Sivaji was on a small platform standing in a recess in the wall. There were two swords (English word) placed crossed just above the figure and the recess on the wall. There was a printed copy of *Chandi*.

After that he made me wear a silk cloth: he had been wearing one. He gave it to me. He had it in the room from before. He was then wearing an *endi-chadar*. He gave me no *chadar* and he made me take off my shirt and I was bare in the upper part of my body. He and I then sat on two small pieces of carpet (*ashan*) in front of the image. Before we sat down, a maidservant came to the verandah outside the room and called Indra, who went out and brought back some flowers in a leaf and a *pitol lota*. The door was then shut. Indra gave flowers and water, and I could hear what he said as he did *puja*. He spoke very softly the prayers to himself, and I did not hear. The *puja* lasted two or three minutes. He then opened the trunk and produced a sword and a book (*khata*) bound in English fashion, and a candle (English word) and a copper-plate, small size (shows about two inches by three inches). He also brought out a small ink-pot with blue-black ink, the sort sold for two pice, and a pen with a white holder like ivory and with a steel nib. He tore out a leaf from the *khata*, and he began to speak and told me to write at his dictation the ten vows. He read them from the same *khata* book. I then wrote them down. The paper was burnt afterwards according to the rules, but I remember the vows. They were:—

(1) Amr adhya hoite e somprodai bukto hoilam. Joto din na desh sadhin hoebe toto din e somprodai bukto thakibo o deshey karyya karibo.

(2) Ami kono durovisandhi loiya, ba kono kuabhipria e somprodai bukto hoitecche na.

(3) Ami e somprodair protyek saubhroka brahti bade dekhibo. Jodi kokono kaharo sahit monobiohhat hoi, taha hoile sharal chitte metiabo.

(4) Ami netar bina adeshe kono karyya karibo na. Tini jaha adesh kariben taha alonganio gyane o bina bakyabyaye palon karibo.

(5) Ami e somprodair kono goponiya bishoi janite chhesta karibo na, abon jodi goponyo bishoi kargya modya thakiya janite pare taha kahakaho emon ki kono sabhya kio bolibo na.

(6) Jadi ami soicchae e somprodai kono ahitakar karjya kare, ba nitar adesh langan kori, taha hoilo nitar adesh moto ka kaho subha amar prandando dite pariben, taha jonya bhobanar nikot dayee haiban na.

(7) Ami joto din ei somprodhai bukto thakibo, toto din bihainer dwara sansarar kargye byasta thakibo na.

(8) Ami sorboda dharme mote rakhya satya pote chholibo o brahmachargya paloner chesta karibo.

(9) Ami tamar tushi ganga jol, gita agne talwar sporshya kariya o bhagabanke sakhya karya ei brota brithoilam.

(10) Ami jadi kokono o e doshti protigya langan kari taha hoile prithri purushganer norake goman matri hotya o matri raktopane pape papi hoibo.

THE witness wrote out in the vernacular these ten vows and then repeated them to me. I attach the paper written by him in my presence.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

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1. I become a member of this society from to-day. So long as the country will not become independent, I shall continue to be a member of this society and shall serve the country.

2. It is not with any bad motive or any evil purpose that I am becoming a member of this society.

3. Every member of this society will be as a brother to me. If ever any alienation of feelings occur between myself and any one, I shall remove it with an open heart.

4. I shall not do any work without the leader's order. Whatever he will order I shall obey unhesitatingly, considering it to be untransgressable.

5. I shall never try to become acquainted with the secrets of this society and, if in the course of any work I happen to become acquainted with any secret, I shall not divulge it to anybody, not even to any member.

6. If of my own will I do anything harmful to the society or transgress the leader's order, then any member, under orders from the leader, will be competent to punish me with death, and for that he will not be accountable to God.

7. So long as I shall continue to be a member of this society, I shall not involve myself in the affairs of the world by marriage.

8. I shall always keep my mind steady in righteousness and walk the path of truth and shall try to live a life of celibacy.

9. I take this vow touching copper, *tulsi* (leaves of a sacred plant of this name), Ganges water, *Gita*, fire and sword, and calling God to be witness.

10. If ever I violate any of these ten oaths, I shall be guilty of the sin of sending forefathers to hell, of matricide, and of drinking mother's blood.

WRITTEN in my presence. In the eleventh line, the last line, and the one last but four lines are erasures which I initial.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-3-10.

(Sd.) LOLIT MOHAN CHAKRAVARTI.
24-3-10.

TRANSLATED by me.

(Sd.) JNANENDRA LAL MOZUMDAR,
2nd Assistant to the Bengal Translator to Govt.

AFTER writing, the paper was burnt. I had written it sitting on the *ashan* in front of the image of Sivaji. The paper was burnt with a match. He then placed in my hand a copper-plate, a *tulshi* leaf, Ganges water in the *lota*, the candle, the *Gita* and the sword in my my hands held out as I was seated on the *ashan*, and my hands were on my knees. He then, looking at the *khata*, repeated the ten vows, and I repeated after him. This concluded the ceremony, and as it was then late I came away. The candle had been lighted and was fixed to the copper-plate by its own grease. I remember the ten vows as in after years I

myself initiated many *chogras*. When I initiated them, there was not the *puja* of Sivaji. When the people were arrested in the Maniktala garden, of the two boxes of Indra N. Nandi —one was taken to Taranath Rai Chaudhuri's house at No. 4, Raja's Lane, and the other was taken first to the Chhatra Bhandar shop No. 4-1, College Square, and thence it was taken to the house of Nani Gopal Gupta at Sibpur. I got the copy-book containing the vows from the box not then, but at the end of 1908.

Explains further.—The box which I have spoken of as being in the third floor was taken to the Ballyganj Garden House of Colonel Nandi. After the Maniktala garden case we brought it on the top of a *tucca ghari* from there. The *garwan* said it was very heavy, and asked whether it contained money. We took it back to Indra's house. So when it was proposed to remove the box elsewhere in case anyone should say such again, we divided its contents into two boxes—one of these was my property, and that was the one finally taken to Nani Lal Gupta's house at Sibpur.

After initiation I returned to the mess. Indra Nandi said nothing then about the leaders of the society. On the same day in the evening, wrapped up in a *Statesman*, something very heavy was brought by Indra to me at the mess where I lived. He told me to take it to No. 72, Sukea's Street, to Sakharam Ganesh Deoskar. When I arrived there, he opened the parcel in my presence, and in it was a bull-dog 6-chambered revolver. I had no conversation with him and came away. I had known him before, but not his address. I did not ask anythink owing to the rules of the society. Four or five days after my initiation, it was a Sunday, Indra told me that money is taken from No. 7, Alipur Lane, in the direction of Metiabruz. He told me to find out how it is taken, how many people accompany it, and by what road it goes I was to follow it and watch. He told me this on Saturday night. I went down on the Sunday before 6 A.M. by tram from College Street, changing at Esplanade, and going by the Alipur tram and got out at the Maharaja's House *Corrects:* No. I walked to Alipur from the Esplanade going down the Kidderpur Road. I began walking up and down in front of No. 7, Alipur Lane. I saw it was a European's house. I saw the money taken A man took it on a bicycle in a leather bag. I can't say if it was money. The bag fitted in the frame. I first followed on foot as fast as I could. At Kidderpur I got a *ghari* and pursued him up to the bridge of the Dock where I lost sight of him. So I came away, coming back by the Kidderpur tram, having dismissed the *ghari* at the bridge. I came back by the Kidderpur tram and by the Shambazar tram to Indra Nath Nandi's house in College Street. I saw him and told him all that occurred and then returned to the mess, arriving about 9-30. Indra said nothing more to me.

I came to know about the organisation of the society after I had left Indra's house and came to live at Sarat Ch. Mitter Doctor's house at No. 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, in the end of 1908. I found the heads of the society were nine people, and under them were three. Of the nine heads, I know the names of two. Sahan Swami *alias* Shama Kanta Banerji or Mukerji. I was told so by Satis Sarkar, of Nattore. I do not know him or have seen Sahan Swami; but I know letters, parcels, etc, were sent to him from Sarat's house. Revolvers were also sent to him. I have seen them being packed up. Sahan, I believe, lived on a hill in the direction of Patna. The revolvers used to be sent in eatables—on one occasion a tin of date-*ghur* contained a revolver,—by rail as a parcel. I do not remember the address. It was something—*pahar*. This swami has written a book called *Swahang Gita*, and some book on Brammacharyya. In one of these books there is a picture of his fighting with a tiger, and below it is written that he had fought with the tiger. The other name I came to know was Jiten Banerji or Mukerji *Sanyasi*. I saw him at the office of the *Sandhya* and at Annada Kaviraj's house in College Street. I don't know the number. When I was living at Indra's house I used to take the revolvers, cartridges, letters to Annada Kaviraj's house, and from then I know. I used to take revolvers and cartridges to Nikileswar Rai Mullik, Kiran Mukerji and Kartic Dutt, who lived in that house. So I came to know Jatin, and he gave me instruction as to the secret society, saying what should be done. I knew Jitenl Mukerji in 1908. On the two occasions when I went to commit dacoities, watchwords were selected. Those who worked under the leaders gave us the watchwords. Nani Gopal Gupta, of Sibpur, on both occasions gave me the watchword. In Netra dacoity the watchword was *Tura* repeated three times, so that we could know one another, and at Mosat (Howrah-Amta Railway), where we went to commit dacoity, *Hagibole* repeated three times was the watchword. The dacoity did not take place.

The three people under the nine are Rajat Rai *alias* R. N. Rai, Barrister, P. Mitter, Barrister, and Arabindo Ghose who was in the bomb case. When I was at Indra's house, I saw these three meeting. I did not know then they were under the nine people: that I got to know when I was at Sarat Mitter's, as I heard people saying so. When I was in Indra's house I used to take letters to Rajat Rai and Arabindo Ghose I took one letter to Rajat to the High Court upstairs and another to him near a Church on the way to Bhowanipur. On that night I had to wait for him, and he came and took the letter from me. When I was at Darjeeling in the Sanitarium in *Sraban* 1909 I also saw him. He came to see me, and I came to know him well. I also went to his house, which is just by the Maharaja of Burdwan's house, Rose Bank.

I also took letters to Arabindo Ghose, once to Scott's Lane, also to College Square at Kristo Kumar Mitter's house, and to him at Subodh Mullik's house in Wellington Square. The main object of the secret society was to make the country independent. We were to collect for its attainment men, arms and money. There were three departments, and these three persons had a separate department. Who had charge of which I do not know.

Under these three were some people, *e.g.*, Nani Gopal Gupta and others who used to carry out their orders. Such were Nani Gopal Gupta of Sibpur, Jotin *dada alias* Mukerji, who lived in the direction of Kristanagar and who works in the Writers' Buildings—at what work I don't know. I know many of them. Amaresh Kanjilal is another. His home is in Jessore.

(Sd.) LALIT MOHAN CHAKRAVARTI.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-3-10.

READ over in English in my presence to the witness and admitted to be correct. Portions not understood in English explained in Bengali.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-3-10.

Recalled, 26th March 1910.

BESIDES these three are Satis Sirkar of Nichu Bazar, Nattore. *Witness volunteers* :—I made an omission on the last day of hearing. When I was at Darjeeling, Bidhubhusan Biswas, of Beliasishi, district Nadia, wrote a letter about the Haludbari dacoity to Sirish Sirkar who was staying with me for a little time at the Sanitarium. I then went with the letter to Rajat Rai's house. Amaresh Bhattacharji went with me. He was not a member of the secret society. I did not know what was in the letter. I afterwards got to know its contents from a letter which Bejoy Chakravarti wrote to me. Rajat Rai, when I took the letter gave ten 10-rupee notes, and he wrote on a piece of paper to Sirish that no more money than this was to be spent in the dacoity. I gave the note and money to Sirish, and on that Sirish left Darjeeling. I saw Rajat Rai in his dining room. Amaresh Bhattacharji was sitting on a chair by the entrance.

There was Surendra N. Chakravarti of Berhampur, Murshidabad.

Indra Nandi used to collect arms for Calcutta and with him was Sishir Kumar Ghose.

Nani Gopal had charge of the 24-Pargahas, Howrah and Hooghly.

Jotin *dada* had charge of Rajshahi, Nadia, Jessore and Khulna.

Amaresh Kanjilal had charge of Mymensingh, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Jamalpur and Coooh Behar.

Satis Sirkar was under Jotin *dada* for Nattore and Dighapatya, Amalpur in Nadia.

Suren Chakravarti had charge of Berhampur, Murshidabad.

Their charge was to collect arms, men and money for the freeing of the country.

I know the names of 200 or 250 men of the secret society. With them I had done work. I remember the names—

At Karanjali, 24-Parganas.—Kumar Krista Bose.

At Netra.—Hem Chandra Sen.

At Jaynagar, Musilpur.—Chuni Lall Nandi, Tinkori Das, Rajani Kanta Bhattacharji, Satya Bhattacharji, and Indu Kiran Bhattacharji.

At Baruipur.—Harendra Nath Pathak.

At Champahati, Katikapur, 24-Parganas.—Horendra Nath Banerji, Hari Charan Banerji, Satis Chandra Chakravarti, and Baroda Chandra Chakravarti.

At Chingripota.—Bhusan Chandra Mitra, Norendra Nath Bhattacharji, Nani Gopal Bhattacharji, and Rakhal Das Bhattacharji.

At Baikantapur.—Sarat Chandra Ghose.

At Barrackpur.—Jotindra Nath De and Kumaresh Sirkar.

At Chetla.—Charu Chandra Ghose, Behari Lal Ghose (milkman), Jotindra Nath Biswas, Kiron Chandra Rai, Bhudi (nephew of Charu Chandra Ghose mentioned above); I do not know his real name.

At Kidderpur.—Bimola Charan Deb, Manik Lal Karmokar, Panna Lal De, Rakhal Chandra Das, Banomali Karmokar, Ashutosh Ghose, Devendra Nath Sirkar, Dr. Sarat Chandra Mitter, Suresh Chandra Mitter, Satis Chandra Mitter.

In Calcutta.—Lalit Mohan Palit, of Dharmatala Street; Raghunath Banerji, of Wellington Lane; Dr. Anukul Biswas, of Nebutola Lane; Ashutosh Chakravarti, of St. James's Square; Harish Chandra Sikdar, of Amherst Street; Mani Brahmin (I don't know his full name), of Amherst Street; Kali Rai, of Champatala Lane; Probash Chandra Deb, M.A., of Bowbazar; Bepin Chandra Ganguly, of Sakarapara Lane, Bowbazar; Durga Charan Banerji, of Madan Baral's Lane; Harish Chandra Mukerji, of Madan Baral's Lane; Satis Chandra Mukerji, of Madan Baral's Lane; Manik Brahmachari, of Madan Baral's Lane; Ashesh Kumar Banerji, of Mallanga Lane; Indra Nath Nandi, of College Street; Narendra Nath Bose, of Mirzapur Street; Pabitra Charan Datta, of the *Chatra Bhandar*, living in Champatala 1st Lane; Nogendra Nath Halder, of the *Chatra Bhandar* (I do not know his address); Akhoy Kumar Bhattacharji, of the *Chatra Bhandar* (his house is in Burdwan district); Narain Chandra Mukerji, of the *Chatra Bhandar*, house at Janai, Hooghly district; Sukumar Mitra, of College Square; Hari Das Chakravarti, of Sitaram Ghose's Street,

Purna Chandra Chakravarti, of Sitaram Ghosh's Street; Abinash Chandra Chakravarti (a Munsif), of Sitaram Ghose's Street; Probash Chandra De, of Mechua Bazar; Birendra Nath Banerji, of Beohu Chatterji's Street (he worked in the *Sandhya* office); Nalini Kanta Deb, living in front of Kalibari Thanthania; Jitendra Nath Rai, of Muktaram Babu's Street (he lived in the house of Khirod Prosad Sen, kaviraj); Suren (I don't know his whole name; he lived in Khirod Kaviraj's house); Prosanta Kumar Mitter, of Sukea's Street; Probash Chandra Mittra, of Sukea's Street; Sakharam Ganes Deoskar, of Sukea's Street; Annada Kaviraj, of Cornwallis Street; Kiron Chandra Mukerji, of Cornwallis Street; Sris Chandra Chakravarti, of Sikdarbagan; Panna Lal Chakravarti, of Sikdarbagan; Jotish Chandra Mukerji, of Durga Charan Mukerji's Lane, Grey Street; Susil K. Bose, of Ramdhan Mitter's Lane; Santi Ghose, of Keranibagan Lane and Ramdhan Mitter's Lane; Satis Chandra Bose, of Cornwallis Street; Atul Babu, of Cornwallis Street, in the mess of the *Anusilan Samiti*; Jotin *dada alias* Mukerji, living at Shambazar Street; Kartik Chandra Dutt, who often lived at the *Jugantar* office; Ramesh Chandra Seal, who often lived at the *Jugantar* office.

These I knew in Calcutta.

In Howrah district at Sibpur.—Noni Gopal Gupta (he was my head and I worked under him); Narendra Nath Chatterji; Bistopada Chatterji and another Bistopada, who was either Chatterji or Mukerji; Bhotan Babu, Bhuban Babu, both of whom (they are two brothers) are, I think, Mukerjis; Ashutosh Banerji, and Upendra Nath Bhattacharji.

At Santragachi.—Kalipada Chakravarti and Upendra Nath Deb.

In Hooghly district.—Behari Lal *alias* Lal Behari Rai, of Nandanpur, near Khanakul, Krishnagar; Narain Das, of Khanakul, Krishnagar (I don't know his full name; he is a Brahmin); Kishori Lal Gupta, of Khanakul, Krishnagar.

In Nadia district at Krishnagar.—Paran *alias* Suresh Chandra Mazumdar; Karu Da *alias* Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar. There is a pleader, too, at Krishnagar, whose name I don't know, but whom I can identify if I see. I have lived in his house. Nibaran Mazumdar works under him as a clerk. I don't know the name of the mahalla. I showed his house to the verifying officer. Haradhan Banerji, whose home is at Sibpur, but he stays at Krishnagar at the Arya Chemical Factory and works under Government in some office. Manmatha Nath Biswas, who is the youngest child of the Bholadanga zamindar. Suresh Mitter or Mazumdar, Manager of the Arya Chemical Factory.

At Baliaghati.—Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Sushil Kumar Biswas, Sarat Chandra Pramanik, Purna Chandra Biswas, and Ananta Kumar Biswas, who is also called Purna Biswas; Monmatha Biswas, who belongs to the district of Nadia. His village I do not know. He stays at Rajshahi town.

In Rajshahi district.—Bidhu Bhusan Sirkar and Satis Chandra Sirkar, his brother; Indu Madhab, a pleader (I don't know the rest of his name); Jitendra Nath Bose, Jogendra Nath Kaviraj, Promatha Nath Kaviraj, Srish Chandra Sirkar, Haro Govinda Sirkar, Surendra Nath Sirkar, Radha Charan Chakravarti, and Satis Chandra Sanyal—all of Nattore.

At Dighapatia.—Bijoy Kumar Chakravarti, and Mohini Goswami.

In Dinajpur.—Nalini Kanta Bose, of Babubari, in Dinajpur town. He is the son of Rajani Kanta Bose, a pleader.

In Mymensingh.—Srish Ch. De, son of Adoitya K. De, a Judge, living in the town of Mymensingh.

In Dacca.—Lokhendra Nath Gupta, living at Satgaon in that district, post-office Amdiya; Nikileswar Rai Moulik (he stays in Calcutta in various houses—I have seen him at the *Jugantar* office and at Annada Kaviraj's house); Harendra Nath Banerji, of Bikrampur; Pulin Behari Das, of Dacca town, the second son of Sarat Gupta, a pleader, of Lakhibazar, Dacca town. I know also Ban Behari Das, who is a *bhai* or near relative of Pulin. I do not know any nephew. I can't say if he is a member of the society or not.

In Faridpur.—Jotish Chandra Mitra—I was with him at Indra Nandi's garden and house and at the *Chatra Bhandar* mess. I don't know his village. Rukini Rai—I saw him at *Jugantar* office and lived with him in the *Chatra Bhandar* mess.

In Midnapore.—Prokash Chandra Maiti—I don't know his village. He was at Indra Nandi's house and the *Chatra Bhandar* mess.

I had forgotten some Calcutta names. They are Taranath Rai Chaudhuri, of Raja's Lane, and Sailendra Nath Das, of Jhamapukur.

In Midnapore, too, are—

Hem Chandra Das.—I saw him at Sovabazar in a house in Naba Krista Deb's Street.

Behari Lal Rai, of Midnapore.—I was with him at Indra Nandi's house. I do not know his village.

Bibhuti Rai, of Midnapore.—I was with him at Indra Nandi's house.

Ganesh Ch. Das, of Tamluk.

In Calcutta, too, I know—

Sarat Chandra Khan, pleader of the High Court, Goabagan Street.
Boidya Nath Banerji, living in Sarat Khan's house in the same street.
Ulasker Datta.
Susil Kumar Sen.
Birendra Kumar Sen.
Barindra Kumar Ghose.
Arabindra Ghose.
Subadh Kumar *alias* Chandra Mullik.
Jitendra N. Banerji, whom I spoke of above as a *sanyasi*.
Sham Sunder Chakravarti.

I met them often in Scott's Lane, where Arabindo lived; also in the *Chatra Bhandar* mess and in Indra Nandi's house.

There too is Sudhir Kumar Sen, whom I met too.

I forgot two names of Faridpur—Bijoy Kumar Nag and Sushil Kumar Ghose.

In Basirhat.—I know Nitya Gopal Chatterji, of Basirhat (adds, on being read over, Abinash Chandra Bhattacharji.)

There are two more from Dacca—Shankar Dada (I do not know his full name. He stayed in Chitpur Road in a hired house, and I have seen him in the house of Indra Nandi and in that of Probash Deb, of Mechua Bazar, and at the *Jugantar* office) and Labanga, a nickname. I do not know his full name. He lived in Annada Kaviraj's house in Cornwallis Street.

I know, too, R. N. Rai, *i.e.*, Rajat Rai, and P. Mittra, Shahan Swami *alias* Shyam Kanta Banerji or Mukerji.

[At this stage witness asks for the names to be read out to him. The evidence was read over to him by me, and he adds]:—

I omitted Sailendra Nath Bose, of the *Jugantar* office; Basanta Kumar Bhattacharji, of Nangalberia, 24-Parganas—he has a house in Calcutta at Badur Bagan; Bhupendra Nath Datta, of the *Jugantar* office.

I know of Benaras—

Tarak Nath Bose,
Surendra N. Chatterji,
Bhusan Ch. Bhattacharji,
Haripada De,
Bhusan Ch. De,
Annada Ch Bhattacharji,
} of Harar Bagh, Benares;

Atul Chandra Chatterji, of Sonapura, Benares;
Devendra Nath Bhattacharji, of Kedar Ghat, Benares;
Suronath Bhaduri (I saw him at Kedar Ghat. He lives at Benares);
Surendra Nath Chakravarti, of Gonesh Mahalla, Benares.

I also remember at Calcutta Surendra Nath Chakravarti, of the *Jugantar* and *Chatra Bhandar* mess.

I think I have already mentioned Sourindra Nath Chakravarti *alias* Hari Dass Chakravarti, of Sitaram Ghose's Street.

I also remember Chunai Havildar of the 10th Jats, and Surjan Singh of the 10th Jats.

I remember no further names.

I know the pleader of Krishnagar to be a member of the secret society, as he came to Nani Gopal's house at Sibpur, where I have seen him talking secretly with Nani. I also heard he was a member of the society from Nibaran, his clerk, and Haradhan Banerji, who lived in the Chemical Factory. I never talked to him myself.

I have met these people at several places in connection with the work of the society at the house of Probash Ch. De, of Mechua Bazar Street. There I have seen Sirish Chandra Chakravarti. [*Then volunteers*:]—I omitted two names in the Jessore district—Amaresh Kanjilal and Rabindra Nath Deb Rai; in Burdwan district I omitted the name of Dhirendra K. Mitra.

At Probash's house in Mechua Bazar I met often—

Sirish Chandra Chakravarti.
Rabindra Nath Deb Rai.
Jyotish Ch. Mukerji.
Sankar Dada.
Jiten Rai.
Probash Ch. Deb, M.A.

At the *Atmonnati Samiti* I met often—

Lalit Mohon Palit.
Probash Chandra Deb, M.A.
Moni Brahmin.
Kali Rai.
Bepin Ganguli.
Durga Charan Banerji.
Harish Mukerj
Satis Mukerji.
Chuni Lal Nandi.
Harish Chandra Sikdar.
Indra Nath Nandi.

At the *Chatra Bhandar* mess I often met—

Abinash Chandra Bhattacharji.	Surendra Nath Chakravarti.
Soilendra Nath Ghose.	Akhoy Kumar Bhattacharji.
Bhupendra Nath Datta.	Nogendra Nath Haldar.
Sishir Kumar Ghose.	Chuni Lal Nandi.
Bijoy Kumar Nag.	Tinkori Das.
Boidya Nath Banerji.	Indra Nath Nandi.
Behari Lal Rai and Behari Lal *alias* Lal Behari Rai.	Probash Chandra De, of Mechua Bazar.
Ganesh Chandra Das.	Nikileswar Rai Moulik.
Harendra Nath Banerji.	Pabitra Chandra Datta.
Jotindra Nath Mitra.	Barindra Nath Ghose.
	Ulaskar Datta.

Birendra Nath Sen.

At Indra Nath Nandi's house I often met—

Prokash Ch. Maiti.	P. Mitra.
Ganesh Chandra Das.	Arabindo Ghose.
Harendra Nath Banerji.	Sushil Kumar Sen.
Behari Lal *alias* Lal Bihari Rai.	Birendra Nath Sen.
Behari Lal Rai.	Hem Chandra Das.
Bibhuti Rai.	Abinash Ch. Bhattacharji.
Jotindra N. Mitra.	Annada Kaviraj.
Norendra Nath Bose.	Nikhileswar Rai.
Sishir Kumar Ghose.	Rukhini Rai.
Abinash Ch. Chakravarti.	Nitya Gopal Chatterji.
Durga Charan Banerji.	Taranath Rai Chaudhuri.
Bipin Chandra Ganguli.	Hari Charan Banerji.
Sudhir Kumar Sen.	Lokhendra Nath Gupta.
Bimala Charan Deb.	Sarat Chandra Gupta's second son.
Noni Gopal Gupta.	Baroda Chakravarti.
Madaru *alias* Jagesh Ch. Mitter. (I omitted to mention him before as one of the Sibpur Society).	Satish Chakravrati.
	Satish Chandra Bose.
	Baidya Nath Banerji.
Bhotan Babu.	Atul Babu.
R. N. Rai.	Sushil Kumar Bose.

At Annada Kaviraj's I often met—

Nikhileswar Rai Moulik.	Prabash Ch. Mitra.
Kiran Ch. Mukerji.	Prosanta Mitra.
Jitendra Nath Banerji.	Kisori Lall Gupta.
Birendra N. Chatterji.	Labanga.

In Indra Nandi's garden at Ballygunge I met often—

Harenda N. Banerji.	Narendra N. Bose.
Behari Lal *alias* Lal Bihari Rai.	Nani Gopal Gupta.
Jotindra N. Mitra.	Madaru *alias* Jagesh Ch. Mitra.

Bhotan Babu.

At the *Chatra Bhandar* office, formerly 113, Harrison Road, afterwards at 4/1, College Square—

Asheh Kumar Banerji.	Probash Ch. De, M.A.
Indra Nath Nandi.	Sukmoy Mitra.

Narendra N. Bose.

And the staff of the office, namely—

Nogendra N. Haldar.	Chuni Lal Nandi.
Akhoy Kumar Bhattacharji.	Narain Das Mukerji.

Also not of the staff—

Nikileswar Rai.	Boidya Nath Banerji.
Sarat Chandra Khan.	Behari *alias* Lal Behari Rai.

At Sarat Mitter's at Kidderpur—

Bimola Ch. Deb.	Surjan Singh (10th Jats).
Manik Lal Karmakar.	Hemdas Chakravarti.
Rakhal Ch. Das.	Kumaresh Sirkar.
Devendra N. Sirkar.	Jotindra N. De.
Bonmali Karmakar.	Robindra N. Deb Rai.
Ashutosh Ghose.	Amaresh Kanjilal.
Charu Ch. Ghose.	Noni Gopal Gupta.
Behari Lal Ghose.	Keshab Ch. De.

Jitendra N. Biswas.	Satis Ch. Sirkar.
Panna Lal De.	Bidhu Bhusan Biswas.
Chunai Havildar (10th Jats).	Tinkori Das.

Rajani Bhattacharji.

[Then says:—I remember two more names in Calcutta—Keshab Ch. De and Parmananda Ghosal. I saw them at Sarat Mitter's house.]

At Noni Gopal Gupta's I often met—

Poran *alias* Suresh Ch. Mazumdar; the Krishnagar pleader, who is the master of Nibaran *alias* Karu Da; Bimola Ch. Deb.	Chunai Havildar.
	Surjan Singh.
	Charu Ghose.
	Sarat Ghose.
Sarat Ch. Mitra.	Jotin Dada.
Narendra Nath Chatterji.	Satis Sarkar.
Narendra Nath Bose.	Sirish Ch. Sirkar.
Hem Chandra Sen.	Amaresh Kanjilal.
Bhusan Chandra Mitra.	Kalipada Chakravarti.
Bistupada Chatterji and Bistopada (Chatterji or Mukherji).	Upendra Nath De.
	Pramananda Ghoshal.
Madaru Mitra.	Hari Das Chakravarti.

I omitted the name of Haridhan Chaudhuri, of Mozilpur near Jaynagar, 24-Parganas I saw him at Sarat Mitter's house.

I saw Soilen Das at Noni Gopal's and Sarat Mitter's house often.

After the incident about 7, Alipur Lane, I was sent by Indra Nandi to Chedapathor in Bankura (it is a jungly hillock), to fetch Rukini Rai who was ill. I went there in 1906 in *Aghran* on the day of the *Rash Jatra*. I brought him back the same night I found him. I had a map of the Bankura district, and he told me to get out at Gidni and hire a cooly who could take me to the place. It took me from morning to evening to walk from Gidni station there. The cooly was a Sonthal. We came back by bullock cart. There was a sort of fort there. I will speak about it later. We came back to the *Chatra Bhandar* mess. Narendra N. Bose and Nitya Gopal Chatterji were also at Chedapathor, and we left them there.

A few days after I was sent there by Indra, as there was a dearth of men there. I saw in the jungle a wall was being built on four sides and a moat had been dug round it. I heard from Naren and Nitya that a zamindar of Midnapore, Digambar Nando or Chando had given a few thousand rupees and told them to make a fort, clear the jungle, and cultivate or whatever they liked with the place. We cleared the jungle and grew *shola* and *chinabadam* and built the wall. The wall could not be seen from outside as there were hills all round, and the wall was built round the hollow. It was intended to build several houses inside. I was there two or three months. I left as I fell ill and returned to the *Chatra Bhandar* mess. I returned after the Congress. As I was ill with malaria, I was treated at the mess by Nobin Ch. Datta, of Freer's Lane Pharmacy, uncle of Pabitra Datta. Indra Nandi later paid for my medical attendance When I was better I worked at the *Chatra Bhandar*. I went to stay at Indra Nandi's about *Asar* or *Srabon*, and there Prokash Ch Maiti, Ganesh Ch. Das, Behari Lal *alias* Lal Behari Rai, Bibhuti Rai, Behari Lal Rai, Harendra N. Banerji, Boidya Nath Banerji, Jotindra Nath Mitra came and stayed there too. Harendra Banerji cooked and we slept on the second floor and some at times slept on the third floor. Indra's servant Kamal, and the lame maidservant who brought the flowers when I was initiated, attended on us; he brought our food from Arphuli Lane from a *mudi* shop opposite No. 2, Arphuli Lane, where there is a mess. While with Indra, I kept the arms clean and saw whether the cartridges and revolvers were in order. I saw to that by shooting in a *mát* in front of the Ballygunge railway station. There was a stack of bricks there, and there is no village near. There were 20 or 25 revolvers to keep in order every day. I was there about three months, and went to my house just before the *pujas*. I returned after the *pujas* and went to a mess at 66, Nebutola Lane.

[At this stage the evidence was read over to the witness and admitted by him to be correct, but he says that he now remembers more names of members of the secret society.]

I also remember the name of Promode Indu Ghose, of Isser Mill's Lane, Rai Bagan. He used to work under Jotindra Dada, to whom I used to take letters. He also used to come to 10-1, Musalmanpara Lane, where was a Rajshahi district mess.

Also Bankim Chandra Chatterji, of Boinchee, Hooghly, who worked at the *Debi Bhandar* at Boinchee, which is a shop belonging to the secret society, just as the *Chatra Bhandar* shop was.

Also Satyendra N. Chatterji, of Boinchee, district Hooghly, who was head of the society in that locality.

Also Nirapada Rai, of Midnapore, who lived with us in the *Chatra Bhandar* mess and at Indra's house. He served in the branch of the *Chatra Bhandar* at Midnapore.

Also Satendra Nath Bose, of Midnapore, head of the Midnapore branch of the *Chatra Bhandar*.

Also Gyanendra N. Biswas, of Koya, district Nadia. He lived at 144 or 145, Mirzapur Street, where I took him revolvers many times.

Also Promotha N. Moitra, of Rajshahi district. He worked under Jotin Dada.

Also Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta, living in a mess near the *Banik* or *Banijyaa* Press near the Harrison Road and Mirzapur Street junction. I often worked with him.

There are many others of the secret society, besides, whose names I do not know, but I could identify if I saw. There are two or three hundred such. I heard there were 10,000 to 12,000 members throughout India—in Bengal, Bombay, Punjab, Jaypur.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-3-10.

READ over to witness in my presence and admitted correct—in English and Bengali.

(Sd.) LALIT MOHON CHAKRAVARTI.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-3-10.

Recalled on 28th March 1910.

ON return I stayed at 66, Nebutola, the Calcutta High School. One day Probash Ch. Deb, M.A, of the *Atmonnati Samiti*, told me, Nitya Gopal Chatterji, and Kali Rai to go and work at the *Jugantar* Press, which was then at Bow Bazar Street. On that same day as I went to work there the police closed the place. A few days before that Bhupendra Nath Datta, the Editor, had been sent to jail, and the case of Abinash Chakravarti, the Manager, was going on. The office was in the press, and I worked there a week. Then I went back to Indra Nandi's house, taking my clothes, etc., from my lodging in Nebutola, and stayed there a short time and then went to stay at his Ballygunge garden to live there. There I did target practice, dagger play, and used to float in the tank *sola* bundles for targets. We also had target practice on the land. We were there—I, Lal Behari Rai, Jotin Mitter, Horen Banerji, and Narendra Bose. Many others of our secret society used to come there at times, too. At times I went to Indra Nandi's house. One day Probash Chandra Deb, M.A., Narendra N. Bose, Lalit Mohan Palit, Bimola Ch. Deb, Pabitra Ch. Datta, Kali Rai, and Indra Nandi were sitting in his town house on the third floor. I came from the garden-house and saw them. They were talking about the Chingripota dacoity which was being plotted. Probash Ch. De, M. A., promised to supply the men. Indra Nandi said he could get the necessary arms. Some few days after the dacoity took place. I did not go to it. Indra Nandi sent me to fetch money from Kali Rai, of Champatala. Kali Rai gave me a little over Rs. 200. I gave that money to Indra Nandi. Afterwards Indra Nandi wrote to Probash De, M.A., saying that, as your *samiti* did the dacoity, it is right that you should have some of the money for the benefit of your *samiti*. I saw this letter and took it with money to Probash. There were some notes. I do not remember how much.

Chingripota.

I, Baidyanath Banerji, Lal Behari Rai and, I think, Moni Brahmin went to Khanakul, Krishnagar, taking there a magic lantern. We showed our magic lantern. We used to exhibit pictures and explain the purport, to attract the people, who came to see them, to our cause. There were pictures of the French and Boer war, etc. Thence we took steamer and came to Kamalpur, which is opposite Tamluk. Then we went to the house of a Koibarta zamindar and showed a magic lantern there.

Baidyanath returned from Kamalpur, and I and Lal Behari Rai went to my maternal uncle's house at Shibgunge, district Howrah. There I showed the magic lantern in Ramanath Keora or Mandal's house in the northern *para* of the village. On the way back to Calcutta we showed the magic lantern at a place called Sitapur, in the house of one Ram Chandra Chakravarti. I went, on return to Calcutta, to the mess of Bhawani Ch. Dutt's Lane (*Jugantar*). This was in the beginning of 1908, about *Magh*. Behari Rai was with me there. Then the *Chatra Bhandar* was at 113, Harrison Road, still. I heard on arrival at the mess that Pabitra Datta and Nogendra Nath Haldar had gone to the Bombay-Jeypur side. They came back the day there was a theft at the *Chatra Bhandar*. The theft was at night, and they arrived the next morning. The mess at Bhawani Ch. Dutt's Lane was then broken up, and I returned to Indra Nandi's house. Baidyanath Banerji went to Sarat Khan's house at 23, Goabagan. Prokash Maiti, Bibhuti Rai, and Behari Lal Rai went to their houses. Haren Banerji got ill and went home. Indra told me to do the work I was doing before (seeing to the pistols, etc). In the end of *Falgun*, on the day of the *Sivaratri*, I, Moni Brahmin, Haren (who had returned to us by then) went to Kalikapur, near Champahati station on the Canning line, and stayed in the house of Satis Ch. Chakravarti. We there opened a public *samiti*, with a library attached, for *lathi*-play. We also initiated some few people—*chogras*—at the temple of Annapurna. We left Bhagabati Chakravarti of our society in charge of the *samiti* and came back to Calcutta, about the time of Good Friday, I think. I, Behari *alias* Lal Behari Rai, Sakaram Ganesh Deoskar, Debi Prasanna Rai Chaudhuri, Gispati Kabyathirta, Narain Das, and Kisori Mohan Gupta went to Khanakul, Krishnagar, and there was a meeting, and we showed *lathi* and sword-play. Narain Das's brother was a member of our secret society, and he told me there was a *kamar*, who had been initiated in our society,

who made swords, spears, and "daggers" and supplied them with them. I went to see the *kamar* with Narain's brother and Lal Behari Rai, and ordered some daggers and spears (*ballab*), and said he would have to supply them in future. We were there four or five days, and he gave us some daggers and spears, and we brought them to Calcutta to Indra Nandi's house. Lal Behari Rai then went home to Nandanpur on our way back. I told Indra of what had occurred, and he sent a drawing of the kind of swords and daggers he wanted with money to Lal Behari. He sent the money by money order to give to the *kamar* to make the weapons. I then returned to the Ballygunge garden and went on with target practice. After that we removed to Indra's house. About the time we left the garden the Manicktola branch were arrested. On that account we left the garden and came to Calcutta, bringing away our arms from the garden. One day at 5 P.M. or 6 P.M., Narendra Nath Chatterji of Sibpur came to Indra Nandi's house. Indra Nandi told me to give him four or five good revolvers and some good cartridges in a red canvas bag, and I did so. Indra told me that, if anyone came to see him to his house, to say he had gone out on an invitation. Chuni Lal Nandi, Indra Nath Nandi, Narendra Nath Chatterji, and Lal Behari Rai, taking a bag, went away. Next morning, at 7 A.M., Chuni Lal, Indra Nath, and Lal Behari returned and gave me the bag. When I opened it I found in it the revolvers, which I had given them unloaded, were loaded. I saw in the newspaper that a dacoity had been committed at Sibpur. [*Volunteers*:] Shortly before the arrest of the Manicktola people the *Chatra Bhandar* shop was removed to No. 4-1, College Square.

One day after that Bimola Ch. Deb in the room of the third floor with Narendra Nath Bose, Indra Nandi, Noni Gopal Gupta, Pabitra Ch. Datta, was seated together with me and Haren Banerji, and it was being discussed as to where we should live after leaving the Ballygunge garden. At the time Madaru *alias* Jagesh Mitter came there in a state of excitement, running, saying Naren Chatterji had been arrested in the Sibpur dacoity. This was in *Boishak*. We then put the arms, which were in one box into two boxes (one of which was mine). I have already described about their removal. One was taken to Taranath Rai Chaudhuri's house at No. 4, Raja's Lane. Lal Behari Rai took it. Two men went ahead and two behind to watch it. The other was taken to Pabitra Datta to be conveyed by him to Noni Gopal Gupta's house at Sibpur. This was my box. One day I heard from Indra that the character of Narendra Nath Bose was bad, and that he visited and stayed with a prostitute in Champatola Lane. He showed me the house, and told me to find out if the report was true. I made enquiries and found it was true. Naren, having heard, used not to come and meet us. Indra told us to arrange to punish him for being with the prostitute. I told Naren that there were some more hidden arms in the Ballygunge garden buried there, and asked him to come with me and remove them. It was not true, but I knew Naren intended at that time to start a society of his own. I also said I would leave Indra and join him and would get arms in this way. I told Indra what I was doing. On the day we fixed to go with Naren, Indra, Noni Gopal, Bhutan Mukherji, Madaru, Harendra Nath Banerji, Lal Behari Rai, Jotin Mitter went ahead and hid in the house. After 9 P.M., I came with Naren. Going into the garden, I said, "I have the key of the house. Let us go inside and see what is there." I opened the door (it was not locked) and put Naren inside, and they seized him. They then stripped him naked and gave him 45 stripes with a horse-whip. On that very night I and Haren Banerji went to the Ballygunge railway station to see what chance there was of committing a dacoity there. The next morning we came back to Calcutta and took him to his house. Indra told the whole story to his mother, and it was arranged that I and Jotin Mitter should nurse Naren, and we got medicines from the dispensary of Rai & Co., Bow Bazar. Naren recovered, and an arrangement was made for his marriage, which took place at Kidderpur. I was not there on the night of the marriage, but on the *bhoi-bhat* day I was there with many members of our society, and we were fed at a house just in front of No. 15-1 or 15-2, Mirzapur Street. I, Haren and Jotin received the guests, and Indra was in charge of the food. After the marriage we gave the lady a present of a gold comb. I do not remember what was inscribed on the comb.

We did nothing in regard to committing a dacoity at the Ballygunge railway station.

One day, on the third floor of his house, Indra Nandi took a bomb to his room for taking out the materials and putting new explosives in. I asked him what was to be done with it, and he said it was to be made and used again for Kingsford. He praised Khudiram and Profulla Chaki, and asked me if I could undertake the job. He opened the old bomb in my presence: on a sudden it burst in his hand. He fell down senseless and pieces of his hand were scattered about the room. I came to call his father, but his father came up on hearing the noise. A lot of people came into the roof of Lahiri's dispensary and on the verandah of Bankim Chatterji, Deputy Magistrate's house. He washed and bandaged the hand and gave him water. The Colonel told me to say that he met an accident by the top of the iron safe falling on his hand when he was opening it, if I were asked. No one else was there. That evening a *chogra* brought a letter to Indra Nandi. I took it to Indra, and Indra told me to take it to Narendra Nath Bose. I did so, and he told me that we should not go out that day. At 4 or 5 P.M. Naren Babu gave a revolver, some cartridges, a 10-rupee note each to me, Lal Behari Rai, and Haren Banerji, and said we were to go to Telkal Ghat station on the Howrah-Amta line. We went there separately. We, on arrival, found no one else there. I wanted to ease myself, and knowing a man named Promatha Nath Bose in Burn's office there I went to him. I asked him to take my revolvers, which were wrapped up in a piece of paper. He at first refused to do so. Finally he was

persuaded to. I then left it with him and went to a corrugated latrine in the compound of the factory which he had shown me. I then returned to the station and saw Narendra Nath Chatterji, Bhutan Mukerji, Madaru, Bistupada Chatterji, Upen Deb of Santragachi and some others whose names I do not remember. Bhutan was drunk and began to misbehave himself, so Naren Chatterji abandoned the idea of going on that day. After that I, Lal Behari Rai, and Harendra Nath Banerji went to Nani Gopal Gupta's house at Sibpur. That was my first visit there. The same day I came back to Indra's house, crossing the river by Ramkristopur Ghat. A few days after Jotin Mitter fell ill and went home. On my return I told Indra, who was sorry at what had occurred, and he told me to take the three revolvers and cartridges to Pabitra Datta at the *Chatra Bhandar* and I gave them to him and he put them in the iron safe. Indra then gave me, Lal Behari, and Haren Banerji Rs. 25 each, and told our work was to leave Calcutta and work there, collecting men for the secret society. Two or four days after I went first to Benares to 23, Harar Bagh, to the house of my brother-in-law, Ambica Charan Bhattacharji. The other two followed two days afterwards and they stayed at a rented house where there was a Life Insurance Company. This was in the bazar near the Dasasumedh Ghat. We then and there arranged to work, and I was to take the Bengalitola up to Kedar Ghat in the Oudh Mahalla, Behari was to take from Dasasumedh Ghat up to the Chakbazar, Haren from the Chakbazar up to the Cantonment.

I first opened a rowing club from Kedar Ghat to Ramnagar Raja's Ghat. I used to take *chograe* for rowing from 5-30 P.M. to 8-30 P.M My idea was to make a profit for the club and with it start *samitis*. I opened then a *samiti* (*Matri Setak Samiti*) at Hara Bag. My object was out of the members I would select some to be members of our secret society. It was held in the grounds behind the house of Surendra Nath Chatterji; the land where it was held belonged to a Marwari. There I taught *lathi*, dagger, and sword play after enclosing the ground, and they had other exercises too. In order to attract their minds and attention I used to hold meetings on Sundays, when I discussed the lives and doings of our country's heroes, *e.g.*, Sivaji, Protapaditya, and of Mazzini and Garibaldi. There was another *akara* near Narad Ghat, where some *chograe* met, which existed before I was there. I used to teach there two or three days a week I got control of it. After some days Naren Bose, his wife, mother, and nephew came to Benares. He stayed a day with my brother-in-law, and from there I went with him to a hired house in Sonarpura and stayed there. Phani Mitra, Printer, of the *Jugantar* used to live there, and at this time Sachindra Nath Mitra was living there. He is Phani's brother. One day I went to the Dasasumedh Ghat, and there I met Taranath Rai Chaudhuri, dressed as a *baisnab* in disguise, coming towards Kedar Ghat. Seeing him I began to follow him. I brought him to our house, after making signs to him. Naren asked me to go with Taranath to see where he was living. I went with him, and he told me I was to call him Shamdas Babaji. The next day Santi Ghose in *Sahib's* clothing came to my brother-in law's house, and from there he came to our lodging and stayed with us. As the house was now inconvenient for us to stay in longer, we hired a house attached to the temple of Kedar Nath. That was in the charge of an old Brahmin who was called by us "Doctor Dada" We heard from Santi that Naren Gossain had mentioned his name in Court, and so he had come away to Benares. Some two or three days after removing there, Pabitra Datta and Chuni Nandi came to Benares to my brother-in-law. Chuni came to our house, and as it was not convenient for us all to live there, we left it and hired a house in the Oudh Mahalla. Taranath Rai Chaudhuri finding the *baisnab* disguise inconvenient for him to live there, we hired another house for him, and I gave my trunk, bedding, and clothes to him for him to change his dress. He lived separately, no longer dressing as a *baisnab*. While we were at Oudh Mahalla Pabitra Datta gave me a letter to take to Subodh Mallik, who was living in a house in the *mat* beyond Benares Cantonment. He sent in answer Rs. 250, and told me that we should not keep Taranath with us, as he could not keep a secret. So Taranath kept separate from us. I brought the letter and money back to Pabitra Datta. Naren's wife and mother fell ill, and I brought them back to Calcutta to their house here. After leaving them here I returned to Benares. Chuni Nandi had come back with me to Calcutta. He did not return to Benares with me. I met Indra in Calcutta, and he told me he would like me, Haren or Lal Behari to stay with him. So, on my return, I sent Lal Behari to him; but the very day he arrived in Calcutta Indra was arrested. We then determined to separate owing to this arrest. One night at 2 A.M. three *bhadralogs* (one was Ashu Bhattacharji or Banerji doctor, who had dispensary at Sonarpur) came to our house and said they had heard from a friend of his in the police that we were going to be arrested next morning, and we should leave at once, and they had given the same information to our companion who lived at Harar Bagh (*i.e.*, Taranath). As they left, Taranath arrived with his belongings and he went and hid himself in the *kalibari* of Cooch Behar with the manager there. We all returned to Calcutta, some by the Express and some by the Punjab Mail. On my return I went home to Netra. While there I used to come from time to time to the *Chatra Bhandar* in Calcutta. Pabitra Datta and Bimola Ch. Deb one day came to me and told me to go to Dacca. I asked why, and Pabitra said I was to bring back some things which had been taken in the Barra dacoity, and which were in the house of some one at Dacca. I would find a man I knew at the Dacca station on my arrival there.

I went to Dacca. Pabitra had given me a red canvas bag, and on the station I saw the second son of Sarat Gupta, pleader, whom I know. He took me to his house in Lakhi Bazar. The next day he filled up the bag with things I did not see, and he gave me a

loaded revolver, which I brought back in my waist over my stomach. I came back to Pabitra Datta and gave him the revolver, and bag, and the key of the bag. I do not know what was in the bag. It was given me closed, and it is against our rule to look into it. It was very heavy. This was after the *pujas* or about the *puja* of 1908.

(Sd.) LALIT MOHON CHAKRAVARTI.

READ over by me to the witness in English (Bengali explained where necessary) and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
28-3-10.

RECALLED ON 29TH MARCH 1910.

Volunteers.—I want to say something more about Benares which I omitted yesterday. I said that Chuni Nandi and Pabitra Datta came to Benares and went to my brother-in-law's house With them was a man name Behari Datta or Sur—a Sarnabanya of Garpar—and Narain Das Bhattacharji and another man, whose name I do not know. Narain Das Bhattacharji is my brother-in-law's brother. The men I initiated myself in Benares were Tarak Nath Bose, Surendra Nath Chatterji, Bhusan Chandra Bhattacharji, Haripada De, Bhusan Chandra De, Debendra Nath Bhattacharji, Surendra Nath Chakravarti, Dr. Binoyendra Nath Chatterji, Annada Bhattacharji, and Atul Chatterji. When I left Benares I left Binoyendra Nath in charge of the *samiti* and of the secret society.

These people lived at Benares a long time. Binoyendra is the doctor of the Chintamoni Ganesh Homœopathic Pharmacy.

After return from Dacca I went home. After a short time I returned to 66, Nebutola Lane. At that time I began to visit Kidderpur and Sibpur. One day I heard from Nani Gopal Gupta that Rs. 3,000 had been given to Naren Bose to go to Benares and open a shop. From the profits the expenses of our secret society there were to be defrayed. One day Madaru came to me at Nebutola Lane. He took me to Serpentine Lane and showed me a house and pointed out a man whom I had previously seen in the Alipur Magistrate's Court. After showing him to me, he took me to Sibpur to Nani Gopal Gupta's house. Nani told me I was to watch that house in Serpentine Lane and the man. The next day I was to report what I had seen. I went the next morning and reported to him what times he went out and when he sat in the outer room in the lower storey. He told me that there was one Charu Ghose of Chetla of the Royal Insurance office (I knew him from before) and I was to go to him and take from him to Hem Sen what he gave me. I went and saw Charu. He took me to his office tiffin room, and took out from his coat a box of cartridges and a revolver which he had concealed in his waist and gave them to me. I then went to Mechua Bazar and gave them to Hem Sen. I then returned to 66, Nebutola Lane. A few days after Bistupada Chatterji came to my *basha* and told me to watch the man I had watched before, again and that there was a *pan* shop in the ground floor of a white two-storied house in St James's Square, and I was to tell a man I met there fully what I saw during that day. He said the man would go there after 5 P.M., before dusk. He told me he was a man I knew. I went past the house three or four times, and towards evening more frequently. Before I left about dusk, to go to St. James's Square, I saw a black-looking Hindusthani come out, and the *bhadralog* whom I had to watch was sitting on a *taktoposh* on the ground floor of the house writing. I found at the *pan* shop Hem Chandra Sen and Narendra Nath Bose standing there. I told Hem the whole circumstances, taking him aside. As I was talking to him Bhusan Chandra Mitra came to the *pan* shop from the direction of the bazar side in St. James's Square. The three began to talk together and then went towards that bazar and went into it. I followed them up to the bazar. After that Bhusan said I was no longer wanted and could go away. I came away from there to College Square. After walking 15 or 20 minutes I was anxious, and I returned home to Nebutola. As I was taking off my shoes Harinath Banerji, a *bhadralok* of the mess, said a man had been murdered at the *Chowmata* in Serpentine Lane. I went with my shoes half off to the spot, and there I saw a crowd round a body which was bleeding profusely and lying on the ground. I then had suspected the man I watched was the murdered man, and I returned home I could not see the man well owing to the crowd and it was dark. The name of the man I had watched was Nanda Lal Banerji. Suresh Mitra told me his name. The next day Pabitra Datta came and took me to the *Chitra Bhandra* office at 4-1, College Square. He gave me a letter to go to Kidderpur to Sarat Mitra. On my way I went by Mirzapur Street, and there I saw an immense crowd standing. There I saw many *bhadralogs* and the dead body of a *bhadralog* being carried on a *khatia*, many *bhadralogs* following; among them one or two police officers in plain dress following. I had heard the body of Nanda had been taken to the Medical College, so I knew this was his body. I went on to Kidderpur, and at Sarat Mitra's house I saw Charu Chandra Ghose, Surjan Sing, Sarat Mitra, Suresh Mitra, and Noren Chatterji. Charu Ghose, on seeing me, laughingly said, "*Kyha', sandesh kowow. Amar cartridger ki rakam phor dekhile.*" Then I clearly understood that those three men murdered Nanda Lal. The school in which I lived in Nebutola belonged to Narain Chandra Bhattacharji;

and after Nanda's murder, Narain's nephew (I forget his name) was arrested, and the police began to enquire vigorously in the mess and in that quarter. I therefore in fear removed to Sarat Mitter's house at Kidderpur. The house of Sarat was in Mansatola Lane when the conversation related above occurred, but when I removed there, he had taken a house at 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road. After I had been there two or four days Naren Chatterji went to the Punjab. After a few days he returned with fever and pain in his chest. He was in a bad way and could not write, and he told me to write to Nani Gopal a letter which he dictated. He wrote that he made all the arrangements in the matter on which he had been sent, and that the soldier of the 10th Jats who had been dismissed had gone to the Punjab, and that he had left everything with him (this soldier had been dismissed at the beginning of 1908), and that Rs. 150 a month would have to be sent him each month, and that within a month or two another *bhadralog* would come from there, and that the first Rs. 150 would have to be sent within two or three days. I took this letter to Nani.

Two or three days after Bhutan Babu (Mukerji) brought some rupees and gave them to Naren Chatterji at Sarat's house. Naren told me to go and call Bonomali Karmakar. I brought him, and he gave the money to him to be changed into notes. Before sunset Naren gave me the notes and told me to go to the gate of Belvedere nearest the Zoological Gardens, and there I would find a soldier on sentry duty, and that he was a man I knew. As I was walking along I was to drop the notes on the road in front of that man. I went to Belvedere gate and saw Surjan Singh on duty walking up and down. As he was walking in the direction of the road leading to the Magistrate's Court, I dropped the notes in front of him. He picked up the notes and I came away. The Calcutta *parawalla* was then facing the other way. This was about the end of *Aghran* 1908.

Some days after I took some money and some notes to the garden opposite the Alipur lines and by Belvedere. In front of the garden across the road are three trees in the lines. It was very dark under the trees after evening there. I was told by Naren to go there and would find two or three people whom I knew. When I went I found Chunai Havildar and Surjan Singh and another soldier, whom I had seen coming to Sarat's house, but whose name I do not remember, and gave the money into Chunai's hand and came away.

I then went to target practice in the Sundarbans. Kumar Krista Bose, Madaru, Bistupada Chatterji, Narendra N. Chatterji, Bhusan Chandra Mitra, Suresh Ch. Mitra, Charu Ghose, Charu Ghose's two sister's sons, Behari Ghose of Chetla, Bhudi, Kiran Rai went out for the night at Charu's house at Chetla. Then we went in the morning to Dhakuria station and thence by train to Diamond Harbour. Kumar Krista had got two big boats ready. We went by them to Karamjali in these boats and stayed there that night. The next day we went eight miles beyond Kakdip. There on the seashore we did target practice. This went on for two days. I was first on the second day and I got a small gold medal. On one side of it was a Sanskrit inscription and Charu Ghose's name in English, and on the other side was the *Jugantar* flag. We returned back to Kidderpur. I left the medal at home on one occasion when I went home.

On return in the early morning I saw in the Doctor's house a Punjabi of handsome appearance with a silk *pugri* and a gold bangle on either his right or left forearm and two very small rings (*makuri*) on his ears, and a big gold chain hanging from his neck, sitting there with Sarat and Satish Mitra, Naren Chatterji, Bhuban Mukherji of Sibpur, Bimola Charan Deb, and a Marwari *poddar* of Watgunge, Kidderpur. I heard he had come two days before, and he would go that night by the evening mail. In the evening Surjan Singh, Chunai Havildar and several—eight or ten others—soldiers came and went, and were showing him great respect. That night we came to Howrah and saw him off. I, Naren Chatterji, Satish Mitra, and from Sibpur, Nonigopal, Madaru, and Bistu Chatterji saw him off. I did not know his name, but next day Sarat Mitra told me he was a great man and a member.

At X'mas holidays, too, we went again to target practice. Naren Chatterji, Suresh Mitra, Jiten Biswas, Bhudi, Behari Ghose, Charu Ghose's two nephews, and Charu Ghose went. When we got to Diamond Harbour there was a very high wind, and so we did not dare start that day. Charu's *mamato bhai* met us at the station, and he took us to the house of Sanyasi Ghose, a contractor at Diamond Harbour, across the *khal*. There we had our meal, and after that we went shooting at birds up to Kuleswar, where Charu's maternal uncle, Dwarka N. Mitra, lives. We had two rifles, three guns carried in our bedding. There was also the licensed guns of Charu Ghose and Jiten Biswas. We reached Dwarka's house at 8 P.M. When we were eating at Sanyasi's house, his servant Chintamani Samanta was, I found, a man of my village, whom I knew from before, and he saw us.

Next day in the morning Charu Ghose took us to a *khal* about 1½ miles from Kuleswar and there was a very big *mát* with an earthen mound with a recess in front (like the butt at Ballygunge, only smaller), and there we put up our target and practised. While we were shooting, people from the village across the *mát* and from the village on this side of the *khal* came out to see. We returned the next afternoon by the 7-30 P.M. train to Sarat's house.

Two or four days after I was in the upper storey, and I saw soldiers with a band marching in procession across the Kidderpur bridge, and they came down the Diamond Harbour Road past our house. Among them was a havildar with a red tape across his breast [means his sash]. Naren was in the upper storey with me. This havildar and four or five other soldiers in the procession salamed Naren. That day Sarat Mitra told me they were members of our society. I could not see the number of the regiment, but the soldiers seemed to be Rajputs.

After a few days Naren told me that Chunai Havildar and Surjan Singh would be going to target practice at Agarpara or Kanchrapara with other soldiers. I was to get into the same train with them and take a ticket for Dum Dum or Belgharia, and not go further, and to give them the money he gave me, giving it either to Chunai or Surjan. There were some rupees inside notes. I do not know how much. I went and got in the train, sitting on the bench opposite to them, and I paid the money to them. I went as far as Dum Dum and returned from there via Sealdah to Kidderpur.

Jotindra N. De, of Barrakpur, told me he had a British sword, and he wanted to make a present of it to our *samiti*.

[*Then says*:]—I have made a mistake. When I first went to Sarat Mitra's and before Naren went to the Punjab, one day Naren Chatterji, Nani Gopal Gupta, Madaru, Bhotan, Keshab Ch. De, Sarat Mitra, Suresh Mitra were all together, and the talk was about the division of the money which Nani Gopal had from the Bighati dacoity. Keshab De wanted the money to be divided up. He was there, too. Nani Gopal said it was not looted for any member to spend on his household expenses, and that it was not to be divided. At that time a letter came by post to Naren. Chuni Nandi wrote that Tinkori Dass had got cholera at Mozilpur, Joynagar, and that money was to be sent by urgent telegraphic money order. Noni Gopal read the letter which Naren showed him, and I was sent to the post office with Rs. 10 to send the money. I went to the big post office in Circular Garden Reach Road. On return I saw Keshab was very angry and Nani was also angry. After a bit Keshab left.

Resumes re *Jotin De*.—I told Nani Gopal about the British sword, and he told me to go and get it. I went with my bedding there and put the sword in it and brought it to the house of Kumaresh Sirkar, which is just opposite the house of Surendra Nath Banerji in Manirampur. I made a hole in the *rasai* of my bedding and put the sword inside it through this hole, and thus brought the sword back. I then crossed from near the house of Kumaresh to Sheoraphuli *hât* and thence came to Calcutta. I came this way lest I should be followed. I still use and have that bedding with me at the Fort, and I can show it to the Court. On my way back to Kidderpur I met Naren Chatterji, Devendra N. Sirkar, and Suresh Ch. Mitra near the bridge, and they came back with us. Next day I took the sword over to Nani Gopal's house, crossing over by the Watgunge Ghat. I then carried it, hanging it from my neck. I had my clothes over it and an overcoat over them. I gave the sword to Bistupada (No. 2) Chatterji or Mukerji, (I do not remember his second name). After, Nani sent me to Nattore with Satis Sirkar for the purpose of collecting men. This was in *Magh*, I think, the beginning of 1909. We went to the dispensary of Giris Ch. Sirkar, father of Sirish Sirkar, and we ate in his house and slept at the dispensary.

About a week after my arrival I saw Keshab De, Tinkori Das, and Bhusan Ch. Mitra came to the dispensary and remained there two days. One day Sirish Sircar, Keshab De, Tinkori Das, and Bhusan Chunder Mitra after 5 P.M. went out for a walk. Those who came from Calcutta had a white canvas bag with a revolver, *kukri*, and a few cartridges with them. They asked me to keep them, and I put them in my trunk. Before going out that afternoon they took, in the absence of Keshab, the revolver, cartridges, and the dagger. At night very late, 9 or 10 P.M., three of them, Sirish Sirkar, Bhusan Mitra, and Tinkori Das, returned. Keshab did not come back. According to our rules, I asked nothing. That night by the Darjeeling Mail Bhusan and Tinkori left for Calcutta. They did not return the revolver or *kukri*, but the canvas bag remained with me. The next day Sirish Sirkar (he is not a man who can keep secrets) took me out for a walk and took me to the Kunjyabari of the Raja of Nattore, and on the way he began to talk, saying that Keshab had been killed and showed me big holes, where posts are put in for erecting a *nahabat* at the time of the *Rath*. He pointed out one of the four holes and said the body, except the head, had been buried there. I noticed the four holes had been recently filled up. From there he took me about two miles to the Godai river past Dighapatia. There is a steamer ghat of the Dighapatia Raja, and about ½ a mile from there he showed me a tree in the *mât* and said that Keshab's head was buried near the tree. There was a pair of spectacles in the canvas bag belonging to Keshab, which he wore when he went to commit dacoity, etc. The frames of those spectacles are the frames of the spectacles I am now wearing. Before that I had silver frames. I was afraid and, without telling Sirish Sarkar, I fled from Nattore back to Kidderpur. I never mentioned about the murder of Keshab. One day Naren went out in the evening and returned in the morning, and told me and Suresh to go to Nani Gopal's house.

(Sd.) LALIT MOHAN CHAKRAVARTI.

READ over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-3-1910.

RECALLED ON 30TH MARCH 1910.

IN the morning Suresh and I went to Nani Gopal's house the same day. He gave us a revolver, 25 cartridges, and one 10-rupee note each, and said, "After 5 P.M. you will be at Telkal Ghat and you will meet people you know there and will do as they say." We returned

to Kidderpur. Naren Chatterji told me to fetch a bottle of poison from the house of Ashutosh Ghose, of Munshigunge Road. I brought the bottle from Ashutosh's. On that day Naren Chatterji had diarrhœa. Sarat Mitra told me to go and buy five rubber toy-balloons. I went and bought them at Dharamtala from a hawker and brought them to Sarat, who cut up the rubber and made pills of the poison by putting the powder in the pieces of rubber and tying the mouth of the ball with thread, and when we were starting for Telkal Ghat he gave me 12 pills to distribute among my companions.

Then we arrived at Telkal Ghat after 5 P.M. There we met Bhutan Mukerji, Madaru, Bistupada Chatterji (No. 1), Chuni Nandi, two men of Santragachi, Kali Chakravarti and another, whom I afterwards knew to be Upen De—of Jougacha two men. Suresh Mitra was with me. Bhushan Mitra was there, too, and Soilen Das was walking near the ghat. We all, except Sailen, took the train with tickets to Mashat given by Bhutan. The train started at dusk. Behind the station at Mashat is a *mát*. (It was night, and I can't say in what direction.) We went about a mile on it, and then sat under a tree when it was dark. We could hear the *golmal* of people at a Musalman *mela* and also saw the lights. The Jougacha men went and fetched food from the *mela*. When they came back, we heard their footsteps and hid ourselves, fearing they might be strangers. Chuni asked them who they were, and found they were the two men of Jougacha. They said, "*Gupta chor*." The watchword was "*Gupta char*," and we used to frequently utter that cry as we were under Noni Gupta. After eating, none wanted to take the lead, and the Jougacha men said that in this dacoity we were to call "*Kaj*," not dacoity. Twenty-five men would be necessary in this work; a few people would not do, as the house where the dacoity was to be committed belonged to a *suri*: it was a two-storied *pucca* house, and there was much money, but the *suri* had no son or children. For the reason we were few and none would lead, we did not do the dacoity that day. The *suri's* house was about one mile from the *mát* where we sat. We split up into two and so returned to Calcutta. I and Bistupada went as far as Chanditola and there got in the train. All the others came in the same train, getting in at other stations. We all felt unwell, having been up all night. I, Bhutan, Bistupada and, I think, Madaru and Kali Chakravarti got out at Kadamtola and went to the shop of Kali Chakravarti which belonged to our secret society. We had tea there and something to eat. We then went back to Sibpur, except Kali. I told Nani Gopal and returned the revolvers and money. I then returned to Kidderpur. Suresh was ahead of me, as he did not get out at Kadamtola. One day Panna Lal De and Ashutosh Ghose came and told me that there was a house in a *guli* off Circular Garden Reach Road, and it belonged to the people who had the *ganja* shop in Diamond Harbour Road near Babu Bazar. A part of that house is let out on hire for a mess. In the mess is a man ill with cholera, and no one of the mess was there. I, Naren and Sarat Mitra went to see the ill man. We found Birendra Nath Datta Gupta, and another boy of Kidderpur was seated there: we also saw the sick man. I had known Birendra from before. We looked after the patient for two or three days. During that time I went once to Nani Gopal's house, and there I saw Bhuban Mukerji, brother of Bhutan. The pleader Chatterji of Krishnagar, Ganesh Das, Sishir Kumar Bose, were sitting there. This was in *Falgoon* of 1909. At that time a dark-complexioned *chogra* came. I had seen him before. Nani called him Shibu. He began to talk about his experiences and hardships in jail. From that I came to know that he had been arrested in connection with the Morehal dacoity, and Noni said that a man had been wounded in the dacoity, and on account of that I have now arranged about poisoned pills. Shibu did not know about poisoned pills and began to ask details. Nani said that, if any one was arrested or wounded in any dacoity, he will swallow the pill and die in a minute or two: if he refuses to take it himself, others will force him, lest afterwards he make any confession. On that day I came to know that our party had committed the Morehal dacoity. A few days after Nani Babu sent for me and Suresh Mitra, and told us, "near your village—3 or 4 miles from it is a village called Barya. There is the *Thakur Mongal Chandi*, and it has 20,000 or 25,000 rupees worth of golden ornaments. You two will go and see and, if you have opportunity, bring back the ornaments". He gave us each a revolver and 12 cartridges and 5 rupees, each. On asking from whom he had heard, he said Hem Sen had told him. He asked me about the ornaments, but I said I did not know. The next day I and Suresh Mitra went to Dhakuria station and then by train to Basaldanga station. We went by the 1-54 train. On getting out of the train we saw the husband (an up-country man) of Sarat Mitra's maidservant: he had gone either to Bhadun or Bolsidhi, taking presents (*tofwa*) to some one there. He was returning to catch a train back. We then went on to Borya. There we saw nothing. There was a *patsala* just by the temple. We opened the door as if to make *pronam* to the idol as travellers, and saw there were no ornaments. We walked on from there to Diamond Harbour, as we did not want to wait about at Basaldanga station. Diamond Harbour is one and a half miles off. Amrita Lal Nath, the second master of the Diamond Harbour Government School, had expressed a wish to join our secret society; so we went to his house. We heard he had gone to give lessons at the house of the 2nd Munsif. We went to 2nd Munsif's house. Suresh stood on the road and I went in and saw him. I had a red canvas bag with me containing the revolver and cartridges, and I put it on the table. There was a table with chairs round, and he and the boy he was teaching and I sat round the table. He suddenly opened the bag and, putting his hand in and finding the revolver there, pulled his hand out and showed fright. The boy was that year going up for the Entrance. I had some conversation with him and then returned to Kidderpur. At Diamond Harbour I met

a few people of our village; and my cousin, assistant head master of Diamond Harbour Government School, came in the same train with me. His name is Jotindra Jiban Chakravarti; others we saw were Dinanath Deb, Moti Lal Bose, and Nogendra Nath Chakravarti of my village. My cousin pressed me at Netra station to get down, as I had given up going home regularly. I, however, refused and came to Kidderpur. Suresh got out at Sonarpur and went to his home at Baikantapur. Next day I reported what occurred to Nani Gopal at Sibpur. A few days after Nani Gopal sent for me, and I went and saw Bhuban Mukerji, Bimola Deb, Bistupada No. 2, sitting there. Nani said to me, "In your village Krista Kumar Mitra has some rupees. What are his circumstances, and how much has he got?" I said, "I have not been home for a long time. I cannot say now." He said Hem Sen had told him he was very well off, and so he had sent Hem Sen and Tinkori Das to see his house and make *bandabast*. You had better go home once and get *pucca* information about Krista Mitra. I went home. While I had been at Sarat Mitra's, I had heard from Tinkori Das that in Barodran village there is a petty zamindar named Baikanta Moral, and I should get information about him and the place, so as to commit dacoity. I went home and stayed there a few days. I went one day from my house to Barodran and took with me Anath Saran Bose, nicknamed Binoy Bose (he is not a member of our society). I told him I was going to see Mohim Chandra Mitra, who was formerly a master of Hatuganj School, and I took four copies of "*Mukti kon Patha*" with me. We first went to Mohim's house. From there I told the *chogra* that I had not seen Barodran village for a long time; we will go and see it. We went to the village and to the Moral's house. Binoy had a close friend of this family, and we met him in front of the house, and he took us inside. There I saw Jogeshwar, a servant formerly in Binoy's house. He was a *Koiborto*, and under a pretext I made enquiries from him as to the number of durwans and other servants. Then we came away. After five or seven days I returned from my home to Kidderpur. I had seen about Krista Mitter's house too. This was about two or four days before the "*Dol*" festival. I went and told Nani Babu we might get 2,000 or 3,000 rupees from Krista's house. On the *Dol* day, just before evening, there was a *marpit* between me and an old Brahmin of Kidderpur. He had thrown red liquid on me, and as he was passing Sarat's house, I went to throw the red on him. He hit me on the left eye with his clenched fist (shows a very slight mark in the left part of the eyebrow). I hit him over the mouth with the bottle I had in my hand containing the red liquid. It broke his teeth, and he bled from the mouth. Naren and others from upstairs dashed out, and the Brahmin ran away. Sarat was not at home then. When he returned, he took me to Watgunge thana to make a diary entry. The entry was made and two constables and I and Sarat went by *gari* to the hospital at Alipur near the Magistrate's Court. I was there bandaged and came away. The Court was then closed. The Brahmin in fear came to me and paid me Rs. 30 to settle the case out of Court. We had a feast with Rs. 30 for our members in Kidderpur. On the evening of the feast a person, Suren, died of small-pox in a house two doors off Sarat's. No one was willing to cremate him; so I, Naren Chatterji, Jotin Pal, Satis Mittra, Sarat, Upendra and Rajendra Datta took the body to Kewratola ghat at Kalighat for cremation. After that one day Nani sent for me and Suresh and told me to go to Netra and show Suresh the house of Krista Mitter and the *mat* east of our village, and the road by which we were to get there. Suresh and I went and got down on Deula station and went along the railway line to the Nazra bridge between Deula and Netra. Near the bridge is a bazar called Goods-shed bazar. We met there a *mahajan* of that bazar and his servant. He asked me where I was going, and I said I was going to Netra where was my home. I showed Suresh the *mat* and the house; he did not want to see the road, and so we returned to Netra station; Jadunath Samadar was then on night duty. He is the Assistant Station Master. He asked me where I had been to. He knew from before that I was a member of the secret society. I told him the truth—that I had come for arranging a dacoity at Netra. I told him, because I wanted his help in storing the things at the station. He is a great friend of Boidyanath Banerji, who was a member of our secret society. He was a sympathiser with us, so much so that I thought he was a member; but I do not know for certain. I then returned to Kidderpur and reported to Nani Gopal.

Some time after Tinkori Das, I, Suresh went to Nani's house. There I saw Naren Chatterji, Bhotan Babu, Bhuban Babu, Ashu (Pagla) Banerji, Bimola Deb sitting there. Noni Gopal said to Tinkori he was to get 10 or 12 men from Mozilpur (near Jaynagar) for the dacoity. Two or three days later the dacoity was fixed for, and on that very day Chuni Nandi came to Kidderpur at 11 A.M. I, Suresh Mitter, Chuni Lal Nandi, Tinkori Das went to Sibpur and there we found the two men of Santragachi, the two men of Jougacha, Madaru, Bistupada Chatterji (No. 1), Naren Chatterji seated there, and that was the day fixed for the dacoity. Chuni told Nani that the men coming from Mozilpur would be at Magra Hat station, and that they would get into our train at Magra Hat. The two Jougacha men said there was to be a dacoity committed at some other place where there was much money to be got. Nani Babu therefore put off the Netra dacoity and made arrangements for the other dacoity. I can identify the Jougacha men if I see them, and one I have identified. The Santragachi men are Kali Chakravarti and Upen De. Nani told me to fetch poisoned pills from Sarat Mitter. I did so, and gave them to him. I, Chuni Nandi, and Tinkori Das then came away as we were not wanted. Naren Chatterji came back to us the following evening, and Suresh Mitter returned at 9 or 10 P.M. after him. Two or four days after I saw in the papers there had been a dacoity committed at Musarpur. This, I think, was in *Chait*. A few days after Nani Babu sent for me, and I went to Sibpur. That day we arranged for the Netra

dacoity. Nani said, "You go by 4-40 train to Magra Hât and get out there, and you will meet the people from Mozilpur-Joynagar, under the over-bridge by the godown platform in front of the station. There are 10 or 12 men. If you see them, telegraph to us at Kidderpur and then Naren and others will follow." He gave me a revolver, 25 cartridges, and Rs. 10. I went off by that train. I had a poisoned pill with me. On arrival I crossed the over-bridge and went below it and stood on the platform. Then Indukiron Bhattacharyya, Chuni Lal Nandi and another, whom I did not know, I saw there. Chuni had a bottle and two small sticks for torches. Seeing there were only three men I did not send a wire, and nothing was done. I saw Chuni, who said he could get no more men. I then returned to Kidderpur. I told Neren Chatterji and the day after I told Noni Gopal. The dacoity then was fixed for another day. A few days after I went with Suresh to Nani's house. He gave us each a revolver, 25 cartridges, and a 10-rupee note, and an extra 10-rupee note, between us to buy food. He told us to go to Beliaghata station, where I would find people I knew, who would buy my ticket for me. That day Naren's watch got out of order. There is a watch shop in the lower storey of Kanai Khota's house near Sarat Doctor's house, and there I left the watch for repairs. The watchmaker knew me, and I told him I would pay double for repairing the watch within two hours as we were going out on an invitation. I don't know the watchmaker's name. When I went to get the watch I could not pay then, so he wrote my name in his *khatha* book. The doctor of the homœopathic shop next to where Sarat now lives was sitting there at the time. With the money given for our food I went to the shop of Ramanath or Ramesh in Circular Garden Reach Road near the carriage-stand, and there I got *luchi* and potato curry; and of a bread shop just by the Muhammadan *masjid* across the road I bought 21 3-pice loaves from a Muhammadan baker. From other places I got butter and other eatables. I, Suresh, and Naren Chatterji then went to Beliaghata. In the tram (which we got into at Kidderpur bridge) the compounder of a dispensary by the side of the dispensary of Gopal Doctor got into the tram at the turn of the Diamond Harbour Road near the dispensary and sat opposite to us. Hari Charan Chogra of Garpara Road, Kidderpur, was also seated there. Hari Charan had taken a contract for tickets at the Corinthian or some other theatre, and he had those tickets for sale with him. The compounder chaffed us seeing our food with us, and said, "Where are you taking it? Give me some." We said, "We are taking it to the Belur *Mât*." We reached Beliaghata station. There we saw Bhotan Mukherji, Madaru, Bistupada Chatterji No. I, three men of Santragachi, two men of Jougacha, Haridas Chakravarti, Soilendra Nath Das, Narendra Nath Bose. Noni had told me not to talk to any one. Bhutan on some pretext would give me my ticket. I saw Bhutan had a bottle and a lantern like constables use at night. He gave me a ticket for Deula. When I got into the train, I saw Debendra N. Ghose, who was a mohurir, I think, at Sealdah Court and who lives on the bank of the tank belonging to us at Netra, got in. I talked to him, as he asked me where I was going. I said to my brother-in-law's at Baruipur. When I got to Ballygunge I changed my compartment to avoid him. Bhusan Ch. Mitra and Naren Bhattacharji got in the train at Chingripota. I got out at Deula, and so did Soilen Das, Bhutan, Bhusan Mitra, the two men from Santragachi, Haridas Chakravarti and others. We first took the road which goes behind the station and by the side of the rails. By that road we came into the path along the line. Crossing the Nazra bridge by railway line, we then went and sat in the *mât*. This is the *mât* which I had shown Suresh and which Nani had told me Hem Sen and Tinkori Das had shown. I got the men who came with me to sit down. After 15 minutes Suresh, Madaru and the rest came into the *mât* from the direction of Netra station. Our watchword was "*Tara*" repeated three times. After half an hour from Mozilpur five men came—Tinkori Das, Rajani Bhattacharji, and another man who I heard was the son of Deben Babu, pleader of Diamond Harbour, and another two whom I could identify if I saw them. They had two rifles, two swords and revolvers with them. All the arms were put down in a heap on the ground. Madaru had brought some masks of light rubber which covered the head, neck and portion of the chest and the upper arms. When I was living at Sarat Mitter's I used to wear a Muhammadan *lungi* and walk about in Kidderpur so dressed and every one knew that I did. I had taken the 21 loaves tied up in that *lungi*. All put on the masks, and each had white canvas boots. Bhutan took my *lungi* and tied it round his head over the mask as a *pugri*. Naren Chatterji took my spectacles which I am wearing now. After the train leaving Diamond Harbour after 11 P.M. had passed Netra station and the moon had gone down, (we waited till then, in case during the dacoity any one might telegraph to the police at Diamond Harbour and they should come in that train), we with our daggers cut branches of *babla* trees which were growing in the *mât* and made torches of them. We came through the *mât* to the front of my house, and then went to Kristo Mitra's house and we stood on the road running to east of it. I showed them the house, and pointed out to Naren which room Kristo occupied and which rooms his two brothers occupy. The wall on the eastern side by the road is low—about 6 or 6½ cubits—but shows about 6 feet. Kalipoda Chakravati and another first scaled the wall and went in. They had a half of a loaf of bread given to each in case any dog should bark. They went inside; dogs began to bark and then they ceased. They came to the *sudder* door and opened it. There are walls all round. There is also on the east side two *baitakkhanas* and between them the door. Naren gave us each a number (mine was No. 3) when the arms were distributed to us in the *mât*. The two who had the rifles and the two who carried the swords were to be posted, one with rifle and one with sword in front, and the other two at the back-door behind. One was to walk between the *kirki* and *sudder* door inside the house on guard, and one was to wait going round the house outside from one

door to any other. There is a small garden on one side of the *kirki* door and a cattle-shed on the other. Another man was to keep watch between the cow-shed and the *kirki* door. There is a new deep drain running from the cook-room outside the wall, and in that outside the wall I hid myself. After a bit I heard cries of women and children and noise of things being broken. After that, it did not take long. Naren called me saying, "No. 3," I went to him. All went to him. We all collected and returned to the *mát* by the same road. We crossed the *mát* and went through the *khal* over which is the Nazra bridge and went on about 2 or 2½ miles further. Then we prepared a list of the ornaments and money which we got in the dacoity. There was a silver-mounted *hookah* of cocoanut, 7 or 9 *balas* of gold (it was, I know, an uneven number), a pair of gold children's bangles, a waist-band of gold of centipede pattern (*bicha-patta*), a gold necklace (*mala*) of a peculiar pattern (shows pattern (V) (V) (V) with flower ornamentations round). It was a long chain which would reach from the neck to the waist. There was an ordinary gold *har*, and another longer *har* (not one worn tight round the neck). There was a gold watch and chain. There were also silver ornaments. I do not remember anything peculiar about them. There were other gold ornaments, too. There were about Rs 300 in notes and about Rs. 67 in cash. At the time of the making of the list, I heard from one that in other dacoities, if the chaukidar came, his hands and feet were tied, and he was left in that state, but in this dacoity the chaukidar came and said, "*Kon hai?*" and was told "*Sala, bhago,*" and he went away. Naren told me that they did not enter the room of the elder brother of Krista Mitter. I asked, why. He said they feared the chaukidar should go to the village, and on his information the villagers should come; so we came away quickly. The Mozilpur men took their rifles, swords, some revolvers, and the ornaments, cash, lantern, and tied them up in the way a small dead child is carried in *chaddars*, and on the top was my *lungi*. They carried the things thus. They had stolen a big towel from the Mitter's house, and they pulled out a bamboo from the fencing of Srinath Sirkar's garden and the things were tied in the towel with the *chaddars* and my *lungi* on the top, and through the wraps the bamboo was put and the bundle was slung on two men's shoulders. One of the Santragachi men went with them. We all went along the Nazra *khal* up to Magra Hât. On our way we lost our way. I alone knew the way. We heard cries at a house in a village by the road. Two or three went to the house and also asked from the road why they cried. A man had died there. I think the village was Kolush. They showed us the road. After we had left and gone a little distance, they came behind us with the dead body. We hid in a garden till they passed. I think they were Hindus, as they cried *Haribol*. We began our walk till dawn. Naren in the morning then separated us. Soilen Das, Haridas Chakravarti, Bistupoda, one of the Jougacha men, and one of the Santragachi men and I were in one batch. We saw people cutting earth between the village of Sangrampur and Magra Hât in a *mát*. They asked us where we were going. Bistupoda said we are contractors searching for coolies. We reached Magra Hât. In front of the station at a shop we drank *dab*-water. The train which leaves Diamond Harbour at 7-30 A.M. (the third train) came, and we got in, but Suresh Mitra and some with him got in at Sangrampur station. We got out at Beliaghata and went to our respective houses—I to Sarat's. There are no arms in our house at Netra.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-3-10.

READ over to witness in English (where he did not understand, explained in Bengali) and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-3-10.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

RECALLED ON 31ST MARCH 1910.

Volunteers:—I made an omission yesterday about arms at my house. Before I went home to make enquiries about the dacoity to be committed at Netra—this was before Hem Sen spoke of the Netra dacoity—I wanted to go home, and asked for leave from Nani Gopal, but he did not give me leave. So I one day falsely said, as I wanted to go home to Noni Gopal in the presence of many others of our society that we had a gun at home, and I would steal that and bring it to Calcutta. So all my fellows believed my father had a gun, but really he had not. On my return from my enquiry they asked for it, and I said the room was locked up as the family had gone to my *mama's bari*.

On return to Calcutta Naren Chatterji on the same day (a Saturday) returned about 5 P.M. to Kidderpur. I had come back at 11 A.M. He told me he had walked as far as Mullikpur. After that I was sent to Sibpur to report about the dacoity. I went to Nani Gopal's house.. I got there, and was told by Bhuban that Bhutan had not come back yet. A little time after, while I was there, he arrived. I returned after telling all the circumstances to Nani. On Sunday afternoon Naren said to me, "You must go to Mozilpur and bring with two or three people from there the money, ornaments, and revolvers." I went by the 3-18 P.M. train from Dhakuria to Magra Hât. There was no water in the *khal* and *dongas* could not ply. So I and a pleader, who is of the family of the Mozilpur Dutts,

went by foot. He was not a member of the society. I met him at the station. I did not know him from before. I told him I was going to the house of Satya Kiron Bhattacharyya. His brother, Indu Kiron, was my class friend, and we were fellow-students at the Sibpur College. While crossing the *mát*, I met the Netra School's head master (Paresh Nath Naskar's) nephew, Bankim Ch. Chatterji. He was coming from Durgapur. In the evening I reached Satya's house. I saw Chuni Nandi, Indu Kiron Bhattacharji, and Deben Babu's son, who was in the Netra dacoity, sitting on the *pucca ghát* of the tank in front of the house. There were others there, too. Seeing me, Chuni and Indu took me into the house. Satya, Indu, and Rajani are three *bhais* living together. Indu instructed me to say, if any one asked, that I was his class friend. He had read in the Sibpur College, as a fact. After dusk Chuni took me out for a walk. On going through Moitriganj bazar we came to a garden of Bhupen Dutta on the right side of the road near Chuni's house. Going into the garden we sat on a *pucca ghat*, and he told me that the lantern we had used in the dacoity was in the water on the right side of the ghat—a little way away from the ghat. The tank was a long one with the ghat in the middle. I then returned to Satya Kiron's house. After midnight and our meal Indu and Chuni brought a trunk, and Chuni also brought a big earthen pot—there were eatables in it. Opening the trunk they first put some eatables at the bottom of the *hari*, then they put the ornaments, then some more eatables, and on the top they put *sal* leaves, and with the leaves they closed the mouth of the *hari*. When the box was opened to take the ornaments out I saw there was cotton fleece inside the trunk. The cartridges, revolvers, and the rest of the ornaments were carefully packed in the cotton, so that there should be no sound in moving it. At 2 A.M I, Chuni, and Rajani went out to go to Baruipur with the box and *hari*. We could not find a *ticca gari* at Jaynagar, and so we walked on. On the road between Jaynagar and Baraset, Jatindra or Jitendra Nath Dutt, son of the late Kedar Dutt, came in a *gari* with some women and children. We met him. Chuni asked him to take us on the roof of the *gari*. The driver and Jiten both refused. We walked up to Baraset. There we hired a *ticca gari*. It was then about 4 A.M., and we drove to Baruipur station. We caught the last morning train for Diamond Harbour, leaving Baruipur after 9 A M, and coming to Dhakuria. I went intermediate—the *hari* and trunk were not with me. The rest went third class. In the train Sanyasi Ghose of Diamond Harbour was sitting on the bench opposite me. Many were there—*bhadraloks*—and they talked about the Netra dacoity case. Some I knew; they belonged to the Dutt family of Mosilpur and some, I think, to the Chaudhury family of Baruipur. I asked them about the details of the dacoity. From Sanyasi I heard the police had that day come to Magra Hât from Diamond Harbour to go to Jaynagar. We got down at Dhakuria and hired a *ticca gari*, and at the Kalighat line where the tram goes to Alipur we dismissed it and got into the tram. We did not speak to each other. We got down near Monsatola Lane in Diamond Harbour Road. The trunk was taken from there by me to Sarat Mitter's house. After eating Naren first gave some ornaments and some revolvers to Suresh to take to Sibpur. He also gave me two revolvers and some ornaments, too, to take there. I carried the revolver in the *jangia* which we used to wear. It had a pocket between the legs; the pocket went right round between the legs. I went to Nani, and there I saw Bhuban and Nani in a room on the top of the *baitakkhana* of *bahir bari*. A list was being prepared of what Suresh had already brought (he was not there). After a little Naren came with other ornaments and revolvers. I left and went to Calcutta and went to Hem Sen's house, and I heard that I had been named as a suspect by the people in whose house the dacoity at Netra had been committed. The next day in the afternoon I was at the shop of Banomali Karmakar, member of our society. When I went I saw Naren and Bhutan seated there and Banomali was melting gold ornaments. A boy assistant of the shop was melting silver ornaments. That night Kumar Krista Bose came to our lodging at Kidderpur. He gave the information that my name was mentioned. I went next day and told Nani Gopal. He told me to come back to him only with my clothes and to burn the canvas boots which Suresh and I wore at the dacoity. I did so. At that time Nani sent a piece of melted gold (so long—shows a little over 1 inch long) to the house at Kidderpur. I, Suresh, and Noren took it. I first took it, and showed it to some *poddars* on the left-hand side of the road leading from Diamond Harbour Road to the Zoo. They would not buy. After that I, Suresh, and Nani went to a Hindusthani shop in Watgunge I heard from Naren he had formerly worked in that shop. That goldsmith bought the bar. I do not know for how much. I then took my clothes and went to Nani's house at Sibpur. I stayed there a day and from there Paran *alias* Suresh Chandra Mozumdar took me to a pleader—Kishori Bose, I think, is his name—in Cornwallis Street, near the Sham Bazar corner. He is a pleader of the High Court. There I was two or three days. One evening Nimai *chogra* living in the Kristnagar direction took me at 11-30 P.M. or so by train to Kristnagar. I there got a *ticca-gari*, and was taken to the house of a pleader. His mohurrir, Karu Da, was sleeping on the ground-floor. He knew of my coming, and had bedding and food ready for me. Nimai left. The next evening I was taken by Karu Da to the Arya Chemical Works near. That house belongs to Paran. I stayed there two or three days. There is a house of the Bholadanga zamindars near the pleader's house, whom I now know to be Lalit Chatterji. There I stayed two or three days and then returned to the Chemical Works. I did this as it was so arranged for me. The zamindar of Bholadanga's younger son is Manmatha Nath Biswas of our society. I used while I was there to go and sit at a coal shop belonging to a *bhadralok* near the

zamindar's house. The Brahmin cook and the servants may be able to identify me. While at the Chemical Works, Karu brought a Court amin with one or two *chograa* under him, who works in the mofussil, and Karu arranged for me to work under him. But the day it was fixed I was to begin, a letter came from Calcutta ordering me back. I came back to Sibpur *vid* Sealdah, and stayed in Upen Bhattacharji's house, which has a marble slab with an inscription on it. Then I stayed two days in Bhuban's house. Madaru took me [*Corrects*:]—Madaru while I was staying at Bhuban's took me one day to Laldighi (*i.e.*, Dalhousie Square), where at 2 P.M. I met Jotin Dada. I was seated on a bench with trees all round on the Writers' Buildings side. He came there and told me he had arranged for me to go and stay at Rajshahi, and that Satis would meet me that night at Sibpur. I met Satis that night at the Sibpur cremation ghât, whither I had been taken by Madaru, and he took me to 10-1, Musalmanpara Lane. There I saw Bidhu Bhusan Mitra, of Beliasishi, and a man I now know to be Abani Bhusan Chatterji. I was there two days. The day after I went there Abani went to Khulna. Bidhu Biswas and I went to Bidhu's house at Beliasishi in Nadia. Satis Sarkar then told me my name was to be in future Lal Mohon Chaudhuri, as I had a tattoo "L. M. C." [shows] on my right arm. I stayed at Bidhu's house 10 or 12 days. During that time Bidhu Biswas, Sushil Biswas, Sarat Paramanik, Purna Biswas and some two or three were together one night. I (when I went out to make water) heard the noise of something being poured out into the granary. I went there and saw they had *ballahs*, swords, and *lathis*. The next day they went out of the house at 12 or 1 at night with the same weapons. I was not asleep when they returned. They brought back pulse. The next day Susil, Bidhu, and I were out for a walk, and Bidhu showed me a house with some *golas* and said, "This is the house which has been robbed and it belongs to Bepin Pal." I taught in a big *mât* in front of the house sword-play at night to some of the people of village, belonging to our society, *e.g.*, Bidhu, Susil, Sarat, and Purna Biswas; one also called Ananta and others.

When Bidhu and I came from Calcutta, Bidhu was given revolvers. How many I do not know, but I used one big one for target practice. These were given to Bidhu by Satis Sarkar to be given to the Amalpur people. Amalpur is about five miles off.

One day three *chograa* came from Calcutta. They had bicycles. Bidhu's elder brother, Jodhu (who sympathised with us), used to work near the house of Purna Ch. Biswas, C. I. D. Inspector, two or three miles from Beliasishi. The *chograa* asked him about the movements of Purna, who was then at home. Jodhu used to go there every day. He told them that Purna Biswas came out of his house at 9-30 P.M. to ease himself. One night after eight these three *chograa* went out. They returned very late. They told me that night Purna did not come out. The next day they returned to Calcutta. Two *chograa* from Amalpur came one day to Bidhu's house. They came to fetch the revolvers, and Bidhu told me that these boys had said that Purna Biswas had seen the marks of bicycle wheels round his house, and on that account had kept indoors. Sirish Sirkar is the brother-in-law of Jogin Biswas, and Jogin is a brother of Bidhu. Sirish came there and heard the *bandobast* for my and Bidhu's staying at Rajshahi town. Sirish told us to go to Rajshahi *vid* Nattore. I, Sirish, and Bidhu went to Nattore. After staying two or three days Bhuban Sing, zamindar of Arail, sent a darwan to Sirish Sirkar to get a private tutor, and Sirish Sirkar put me there as private tutor. I worked there a month and a half. While there, I taught the son of Bhuban Singh four hours in all, partly in the morning and partly in the evening. In the intervals I started the Ram Krista Sebak Asram with the object of collecting men from whom I should select men for our secret society. I used to sit in the *asram* in the middle of the day. Satis Sirkar came to Nattore. Sirish Sirkar went once to Patna while I was at Nattore. Two or four days after he came back with some gold ornaments. Sirish told me they belonged to a lady who was his *dharma* mother, and that in her house Sahan Swami used to live now and again and also Jotin Dada. Satis said, "I am a Nattore man. If any of us go to the *poddar* to have the ornaments melted, we will be caught. So you had better see how to get the ornaments melted." I had initiated one Ghetu Kamar, who lived by the side of Sirish Sirkar's father. He had a blacksmith's shop. I had the ornaments melted by him. The ornaments were made into small bars. For weighing them after melting, I brought scales from a *poddar's* shop almost opposite the dispensary on the pretence of weighing out medicine.

These were about 75 *barris* and some annas weight of gold, I think. Four *barris* two annas were bought by Jogen Biswas for Rs. 20 per *tola*. Ghetu Kamar also took three or four *barris*. Sirish's father took a bigger quantity. The rest, worth Rs. 450, to a *poddar* of Dighapatia, I, Bejoy Chakravarti and Sirish Sirkar took to sell. When it was entered in the *khata* of the *poddar*, I gave my name as Lal Mohon Chaudhuri of Boinchi, Hooghly district; Sirish and Bejoy's own names were written. This was in *Asar*. Sirish, Bejoy, and Jiten Bose's idea was that with the money the secret society should be financed for Nattore. One day Satish Sirkar came from Calcutta. He had five revolvers and some cartridges. When Satish came Bidhu Biswas was at Nattore. Satish Sirkar told me and Bidhu to go to Rajshahi. I took leave from the zamindar. We went there, and there I had to initiate some *chograa*. Bidhu took me to the house which he said was the mess of the Survey School. Satish told me I should see Bejoy Chakravarti there and was to give the five revolvers he had brought over to him. I went there; after dark Bejoy came to the mess, and I heard from him that he was living at the house of Sarat Babu, head master of the National School.

I gave him the revolvers and cartridges, and the same night I initiated five boys. The next day we returned by the carriage of the Carrying Company to Nattore. On return Satish was still at Nattore. One day we had meeting in the garden-house of the *Chota taraf* Raja of Nattore, to decide what we should do. At the meeting there were Satis Sirkar, Bijoy Chakravarti, Jiten Bose, Bidhu Biswas, Manmatha Biswas, Bidhu Sirkar, Sirish Sirkar, Mohini Gossai or Chakravarti—I don't remember who else, if any—then says Bhupendra N. Rai Chaudhuri. We discussed having a dacoity and with the money to assist the organisation in Nattore. We also discussed who was to provide arms and who men. Bidhu Biswas said that Sushil Biswas and Sarat Paramanik would join. I said, "This is a new district for these dacoities, and so you ought not to take people not previously experienced in the work." Bidhu said that at Maharajpur dacoity they had shown courage and in the Nattore Mail robbery, so they could be taken. Bidhu said he had seven swords in his house which he would give, and I said that I could supply revolvers, cartridges, and daggers necessary. So they agreed to give me Rs. 500 for getting them. Bidhu was to get Rs. 50 for the expenses of bringing men from Calcutta. I had told them I could give men as well as arms. I, Bidhu, Bijoy, Sirish Sirkar thereupon came to Calcutta. Bijoy stayed at No 1, Scottish Church Lane. It is where Amherst Street cuts Harrison Road; by the side of it is Pataldanga Street, and by the side of that is Scottish Church Lane. Sirish and Bidhu stayed at No 10-1, Musalmanpara Lane. I went to Kidderpur to Sarat's house. One day after dusk, taking the Rs. 500, I went to Nani Gopal's house at Sibpur. On the way I met Bhutan. He told me not to go there direct, as the *chasa* who had been with us to Musarpur dacoity had told everything to the Police. I went with Bhutan to a deserted house at Sibpur near Bistupada Chatterji No. 1's house. It was a two-storied house in the middle of a garden. I sat there, and Nani was called. He came. I gave him the money, and said Bidhu Biswas would come and fetch the things, and he would make the arrangements with him. I returned to Kidderpur and saw Bijoy Chakravarti with Naren Chatterji in Sarat's house. Bijoy stayed there the night. The next day we returned in the Assam Mail to Nattore. Bidhu and Sirish got out at Mirpur station. I and Bijoy went on to Natore, and Bijoy stayed at the dispensary the night with me. Two or four days after Sirish Sircar and Bidhu came with swords concealed in their beddings from near Mirpur.

Radha Charan Chakravarti, Suren Sircar, and I at times cleaned these swords. Sirish Sircar's father Girish got somehow to hear of the swords being brought. He spoke to Bijoy about it rather angrily. We put the swords inside the roof of a corrugated iron shed belonging to a Kabiraj, Jogendra Nath, a member of our secret society. But Bijoy said, "I serve in the Dighapatia Rajbari, and I could keep the arms in the Rajbari store-house." I got fever at that time, and had it some time before I went to Nattore. I was getting fever, and as Sirish's father was angry about the swords, I went to Bijoy's house for five or seven days. Sirish then advised I should go to Darjeeling for a change. Radha Charan Chakravarti, after joining our society, had given up his studies; and because his mother used to scold him, we wanted to get him away, and so we then came to Calcutta. I stayed at 75, Pataldanga Lane. Sachindra Nath Mitra, brother of Phanindra Nath Mitra, printer of the *Jugantar*, was living in that mess. I stayed with him two days. Sirish Sirkar was at 10-1, Musulmanpara Lane, and Radha Charan went to the City College mess at 66, Harrison Road. I then moved to Hindu Great Eastern Hotel, where Mirzapur Street cuts Harrison Road. This was in *Sraban*. Radha Charan also removed there. I wrote a letter to my father, and he came to the Nebutola High School lodgings I asked him for my expenses for staying in Darjeeling. He agreed to pay my expenses for two months. Amaresh Kanjilal was staying at the Hindu *Asram* by the side of the Hindu Great Eastern Hotel. I sent a letter through him to Nani Gopal for some money and for my expenses in Darjeeling. He sent me Rs 60, and he said he would send me money monthly. We then went to Darjeeling—I, Sirish, and Radha Charan. I stayed under the name of Lal Mohan Chaudhuri, and Radha Charan stayed under the name of Dhirendra Nath Chaudhuri at the Hindu Great Eastern Hotel. We arrived at Darjeeling and we went to the Sanitarium. This was the end of *Sraban*. There I was one and a half or two months. Radha Charan went away after a week. Sirish stayed about a month. I had spent the Rs. 60 in buying warm clothes and for my other travelling expenses, etc. The first week's bill was paid by Sirish Sirkar, and the bill was in his name. I do not know when we arrived in what name Sirish put us down. After the first week the bill was in the name of Lalit Mohan Chakravarti. I got fever again in Darjeeling. I wrote to Nani for money, also to my father, who sent me some money—each week Rs. 10 or Rs. 15. Nani never sent me a pice. Jotin Dada once sent me Rs. 10 by money order, giving his name as Surendra or Rajani. I wrote two or three letters to Nani to Sibpur, as I felt, why should I spend my own money, as he paid the expenses of all the others. He never answered my letters. I then began to write to Bijoy. I did not write to my father, but I wrote to my cousin, Satya Jiban Chakravarti, who works in the firm of Balmer Lawrie and who goes home frequently. Bijoy wrote once that the arrangement for a dacoity was complete, and that he initiated eight members at Halsa—a village near Dighapatia. Bidhu Biswas wrote to Sirish Sirkar This was the letter I took with Amaresh Bhattacharji to Rajat Rai's house. After a bit Sirish left Darjeeling. The day before I was arrested I read, I think, in the papers that there had been a dacoity somewhere. My father used to write letters to me, expressing his grief at my not going home, and he came to know I had to go to different places owing to the Netra dacoity. He wrote to me to leave Darjeeling and

surrender myself to the Magistrate of Diamond Harbour. Bijoy had written to me that Nani, though he gives me no money, was giving money to others. He wrote, too, that gold bangles had been made out of the society's money for Naren Chatterji's wife. I thought it strange that money obtained by dacoity and stolen from the person of a lady should be used for personal expenses of the members and for making ornaments for a woman. This disturbed my mind, and I thought I would give up my connection with the society and surrender and tell the Magistrate of Diamond Harbour. I wrote my father for money; he wrote he would send the money in two or three days' time. Within that time I was arrested. I used to go out for walks on the Mall. A *bhadrolok* I got to know. He told me he was a relation of Benoy Krista Deb Bahadur. He used to come often and stay at the Sanitarium talking to me. A *chogra* from Calcutta came to the Sanitarium. He one day told me he had no brothers. On the day before I was arrested he told me that his brothers had come to Darjeeling and would go from here to Diamond Harbour for a change. He asked my father's name and address. I suspected he was an informer of the C. I. D. Satis Gupta told me (he shared my room) that Chandi Charan Chatterji, a C. I. D. Inspector, was in Darjeeling and I was being shadowed, so I had better fly. I and the *bhadrolok* and B. L. Mitter's brother's son went to Jalapahar for a walk. Some Gurkhas, when we came over the Darjeeling station, called me by name. I went to them. After a bit Chandi Das Mukerji came up to me, and the Gurkhas showed me a paper which I read and saw was a warrant. I found the *bhadralok* I met on the Mall was a C. I. D. Inspector. My things were taken from the Sanitarium. I was taken to the thana. I told all I knew to Chandi Das Mukherji about the Netra affair. After that I told what I remembered then to Mr. Daly, also giving the names of some members of the society. I was sent to Diamond Harbour. There I confessed to the Netra dacoity and other things. I made two separate statements. I mentioned briefly all I have mentioned here (statements shown and the signature on each page identified by the witness). The Magistrate read it over to me and I found it correct and then signed. I was kept in custody at Diamond Harbour, and from there N. Sen, Deputy Magistrate, brought me by steamer to Calcutta, and I then stayed at 111 Lower Circular Road, under the guard of 12 police.

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(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

31-3-10.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

31-3-10.

RECALLED ON 1ST APRIL 1910.

OUR three objects—collection of money, men, and arms. For the purpose of collecting money our scheme was to commit dacoity. Our idea was that we would collect enough money by committing dacoities on the people of country; and when we had enough so, to buy arms, then to give up dacoity, and to loot Government treasuries and banks. Another proposal was to coin money. I, Suresh Mitra, and Naren Chatterji learnt coining money, but I had no time after I had to go to Netra dacoity, and after that to hide myself. A Musalman of Kidderpur came to our house, *i.e.*, Sarat Mitra's, with one Rakhal Das of Kidderpur—of Ghat Manjhi's Lane—to teach us. The Musalman lived in a hired house in Ekbalpur. I know both their houses. He had a big sort of letter-copying press and he had two brass rings. He had white stones ground down like flour, and he had iron also ground down. He mixed them together with *gur*, which was boiled quite thick. The *gur* is the *gur* used with tobacco. He put one of the rings with the mixture into the press; then he put a rupee on the top of it to make the impression. He put the mixture on the top of that again and put the other ring over that. Then he pressed it all down with the letter-press by turning the screw. He then removed the rings and the mould and put the whole into the fire. When it cooled, the rings remained with the moulds and the rupee was taken out. Many of such moulds were made. He made five or six moulds. He said 2,000 or 3,000 rupees could be made from each. After the removal of the rupee, the two moulds so made were put together, and a small hole was there with two screws for joining the two together. Through the hole melted silver used to be put. I myself prepared two or five rupees. They were quite like real rupees. I heard Rakhal Das was charged by the police with coining in this way, but he, after a long trial, was acquitted.

At initiation, too, each member had to pay Rs. 5. With the money thus obtained shops were opened in the districts where there was a big town or village. Such shops were at Krishnagar—the Aryya Chemical Factory, at Calcutta, the *Chatra Bhandar*, at Midnapore,

the *Chatra Bhandar*, at Boinchi the *Devi Bhandar*, at Sibpur the *Swadeshi* Store, at Nattore there was a shop ; it is there no longer, at Benares the *Swadeshi Samsilani*, and at Kidderpur the *Swadeshi Silpanikatan* now no longer in existence and the shop of Bonmali Poddar. I heard that there were two *poddars*, to), in Bara Bazar, Calcutta. I had been to them once or twice with Bonomali. The "City Press" of Panna Lal De at Kidderpur was also one of our shops.

For collecting men we first opened public *samitis*. We also went about with magic lanterns. The police arrested many on suspicion, and so we gave that up and started *asrams* in the name of Ram Krishna Paramahansa, *e.g.*, one was opened at Nattore. There was one, too, at Amalpur, called *Anath Asram*. In the public *samitis* the members met, and the members of the secret society met with the members of the *samitis* and found out suitable men for our work. Charu Ghose, of Chetla, from a shop there belonging to one Nur Khan or some such name (I know the shop ; I have been to it with Charu more than once) used to get revolvers and cartridges. There is a *shogra*, whose house is at Rajpur or Chingripota, and who stayed at Ghat Manjhi's Lane, Kidderpur, and he used to get revolvers and cartridges from *khalasis* who had been to distant countries. I knew this, as I used to get these from his men, and he told me. When I was at the *Chatra Bhandar* revolvers, cartridges, and daggers came from Jaypur, Bombay and such places in the goods which came for sale. I once saw a package of plates, etc., of marble came there, and in it were two or three revolvers. We also used to send out revolvers with goods, *e.g.*, in a biscuit box ; a few biscuits were removed and cartridges put in. I have seen such sent to the *Devi Bhandar* at Boinchi and the *Chatra Bhandar* at Midnapore. I once with Rabindra Nath Deb Rai went to Chandni into a *gali* to a shop (it was in a *gali* on the left side branching off from Dharamtala Street to the north and to the Sealdah side of the bazar). The shop is Ashutosh Datt's. There we got something packed in a *Statesman*. We had a special mode of packing, so that no one could find out what was inside. Indra Nandi once sent me to Laldighi. There I brought cartridges and a revolver from some Musalmans who were waiting there for me. I knew them from before, as they often came to Indra Nandi's place. These Musalmans, I believe, worked in a Sahib's shop. The Sibpur dacoity was in an April. I think the Maniktola people were arrested in April. I can't say whether it was before or after.

Shows packing like the English way of packing a book, but says he used a large amount of paper.
(Sd.) H P. DUVAL.

After my arrest I stayed at Circular Road. After arrival at Calcutta from Diamond Harbour, I stayed in the steamer about four days before I went to Lower Circular Road with N. Sen. I went with N. Sen to various places and afterwards with a Sub-Deputy Magistrate, S. P. Ganguli. I showed them the places and took them there, and I, of my own free will, told them the names and places and particulars relating to them. I showed them the houses of members of the secret society and the places to which I myself went and the place of occurrence at Netra and Moshat and the places where I had been in hiding after the Netra dacoity. In Calcutta and Kidderpur, I showed in Dharamtala Street the house of a member ; in Wellington Lane, the house of a member ; in Nebutola Lane, the house of a member ; in Amherst Street, Champatala Lane, College Street, Champatala 1st Lane, Protap Chatterji's Lane, houses of members ; in Mirzapur Street, College Square, Musalmanpara Lane (is a mess), Pataldanga Street and Lane, Sitaram Ghose's Street, Meohua Bazar, Beohu Chatterji's Street, Badur Bagan, Muktaram Babu's Street, Sukea's Street, Cornwallis Street, Thanthania, Durga Charan Mukerji's Lane, off Grey Street, Ram Dhone Mitter's Lane, Bhawani Ch. Dutt's Street, Fordyce Lane, I showed houses and messes where members lived. Kishori Babu Vakil's house is in Cornwallis Street. I showed the Deputy that house.

I went to Sekhrapara Lane, to show the house of a member, Bepin Ganguli.

To go to Probash De, M.A.'s house one goes from Bow Bazar down Durga Ch. Mitter's Lane, and then into another *gali*. [*Corrects* :].—It is not Durga Charan Mitter's Lane, but Durga Ch. Pituri's Lane.

I showed in Jhamapukur Lane two houses where Soilen Das and where another, whose name I do not know, had stayed. He was of Eastern Bengal. Gonesh Das lived with Soilen Das.

I showed the house of Prosanta and Probash Mitter's and the house of Narain Das in Sukea's Street.

In Kidderpur I showed in Nur Mohammad Ghat Manjhi Lane, Manshatala Lane, Garpara Road, Diamond Harbour Road, Munshigunge Road, Watgunge Road, members' houses. In Sibpur I showed the houses of members. I do not know the roads. I pointed out the place in the lines at Alipur where I had given money. I pointed out Charu's house at Chetla.

On the Diamond Harbour side I showed in Kalikapur, Baruipur, Mozilpur, Joynagar, Diamond Harbour, Netra, Kuleswar the places of occurrences, where we practised shooting, etc., and the houses of members. I also pointed out the place, two miles from the goods shed near Nazra *khal*, where we had made the list of the loot taken at Netra ; also the field where we stopped before that dacoity. As to the places I showed to the Magistrates they made notes, which were read over to me and I signed them. I showed a tank at Sibpur. When I stayed a day at Nani's after the Netra dacoity, on that day Bhutan or Bhuban brought a watch and a ring of keys there. Nani was sitting in his father's big *baitakkhana* with me and Bhuban. First there was a talk of sending back the ring of keys to Netra. It was decided not to do so. Nani Gopal took the keys out and kept the ring

and gave the keys and watch to Bhuban. It was proposed to throw them into the tank near Nani's house first, and then it was determined to throw them into the tank I showed the Magistrate. I showed the Magistrate the Botanical Garden in which people were initiated.

I have identified some of the accused. I gave information about Taranath Rai Chaudhuri. I have not seen him since I have been arrested. I showed the Magistrate Taranath's house in Benares. I showed the Magistrates all the places I had been to. I identify my signatures in the verification statements. I identify Mr. N. Sen, the Magistrate, with whom I went—also Babu Sati Prosad Ganguli, the Sub-Deputy Magistrate.

To be marked.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

1-4-1910.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

1-4-1910.

Recalled at the Sub-Jail, Howrah, on solemn affirmation.

[In the presence of accused Nani Gopal Gupta, Bhuban Mukerji, Bistupada Chatterji, Jogesh Mitra, Narendra Nath Bose, Charu Chandra Ghose, Hem Chandra Sen, Jotindra Nath Mukerji, Sibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Indu Kiron Chakravarti, Chuni Lal Nandi, Sarat Mitra, Bimola Deb, and Haripada Adhikari.]

I CAN identify men among those before me.

I do not identify these two shown me (Sibu Hazra and Haripada Adhikari).

I identify this man [shows] He is Jotin Dada and this man Hem Chandra Sen.

I know Jotin Dada. I have seen him at Laldighi. I also saw him in Darjeeling. He never did any work with me, but I remember he met me at the Laldighi before I went to Beliasishi. I have stated before about this.

Hem Sen I know. His home is Netra. I have told about him. I never did any work with him. I have given all particulars about him. I have known him from my childhood.

This man [shows] is Bhuban Babu. This man, I do not know his name, I know, but I have seen him at Nani Gopal Babu's house at Sibpur. [The man is Atul Pal.]

Bhuban Babu I know for the last two years. He lives at Sibpur, and I showed his house to Mr. Sen. I went to his house and stayed there two days after the Netra dacoity, when I came back from Krishnagar. I saw him also at Nani Gopal's house many times. He was in all our counsels. I met him, too, at the Botanical Gardens for initiating people. I never went out with him on a dacoity nor saw him go out on dacoity. He knew all about the Netra dacoity When I returned with the ornaments, I saw him there.

The other man [Atul Pal], whose name I do not know, I have seen at Nani's house on some occasions—more than once. I can't say how often. I can't say what he was doing. Other members of our society were present there.

I know all the rest.

This is Jogesh Chandra Mitter *alias* Madaru, and this is Bistupada Chatterji, No 1.

I had seen Jogesh at Indra Nandi's house, and very often afterwards. I have known him two years. He used to visit Indra Nandi, I often saw him at Nani Gopal's. He went with us to the Netra dacoity and to Moshat. I have already mentioned all other particulars.

Bistupada also went with me to the Netra dacoity. I have seen him at Nani Gopal's. I showed his house at Sibpur to the Magistrate.

I identify this man. He is Charu Chandra Ghose, and this man Bimola Ch. Deb.

Charu Chandra Ghose's house I have often been to, when I stayed with Sarat Doctor. I showed his house to the Magistrate. I brought cartridges and revolvers from his house, and I went target-practising with him. I also got revolvers from his office. I have known him from the end of 1908. I have told all about him before.

I have seen Bimola. He lives at Kidderpur. I showed his house to the Magistrate. I have known him since I lived at Indra Nandi's house. He used to visit him. I have seen him also at Sarat Mitter's and Nani Gopal's house. He, Pabitra Dutta and others sent me to Dacca to Sarat Gupta's house, as I have told before.

I identify this man. He is Chuni Lal Nandi, and this man Nani Gopal Gupta.

I knew Chuni Lal Nandi first at the Bhawani Charan Lane mess from the time I lived there. I have known him about four years. I was with him in bringing the ornaments looted at Netra back from Joynagar. He lives at Joynagar, and I showed his house to the Magistrate.

I have known Nani Gupta since 1908. I have said all about him. I worked under him and obeyed his orders. All I did was under his orders. From the end of 1908 till after the Netra dacoity, up to the time I went to Darjeeling, what I did I did under his orders. I have given full particulars. His house is at Sibpur. I showed his house to the Magistrate. All I have named as working with them were under his orders.

I identify this man (Indu Kiran Bhattacharji), and this man (Narendra Nath Bhattacharji). [The man he identifies as Narendra Nath Bhattacharji says his name is Kalipada Chakravarti, of Serampore.]

[Lalit then says he does not recognise the second man.] It is not Naren Bhattacharji. I do not know him.

I went to Indu Kiran's house to bring the ornaments from there after the Netra dacoity. He lives at Mozilpur. I never saw him at Calcutta, Sibpur or Kidderpur. I first saw him at the bridge at Mogra Hât station on the day the Netra dacoity was put off. I know his name by hearing people say it. He was living in his house when I brought the ornaments from there. I have already given particulars. I knew a man Narendra Nath Bhattacharji. I only saw him once.

I identify this man Dr. Sarat Ch. Mitra, and this man Narendra Nath Bose.

I lived at Sarat Mittra's from the end of 1908. I have shown it to the Magistrate. I have given all other particulars about him before.

I saw Narendra Nath Bose since I went to live at Indra Nandi's house. I went with him to the Netra dacoity. We were at Benares together. On the day I took the letter, after Indra hurt his hand, I took a letter to this Naren Bose. I do not know when he returned to Calcutta after having a shop at Benares. He afterwards went to the Netra dacoity. All those I have identified are members of our secret society. Some I have known to be members for four years, some for two, and some for one year. The places I took the Magistrates to, I took them myself. They did not know them before.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

[WITNESS asked to see the first two men again.]

He says this man (pointing to Sibu Hazra) I saw once at Nani Gopal's house, having a conversation with him about the Morehal dacoity and about his experiences in jail. The other (Haripada) I do not know. Nani spoke to this man (Sibu) about the poisoned pills. This man spoke of the way he was tortured in jail about the dacoity, and Nani said, "For that reason I have made *bandabast* about the poisoned pills for anyone wounded to take them, so as to escape being caught."

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

9-4-10.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Lalit Mohan Chakravarti (on solemn affirmation), 11th April 1910.

[In presence of the following accused:—Lalit K. Chatterji, Poran Mazundar, Nibaran Ch. Mazumdar, Bhuban Mukherji, Harendra N. Banerji, Haridas Chakravarti, Rajani Bhattacharji, Tinkori Das, Sris Ch. Sarkar, Narendra N. Bhattacharji, Bhusan Ch. Mitter, Suresh Ch. Mitter, Satish Ch. Mitter, Dasarathi Chatterji, Kalipada Chakravarti, Pulin Mitter, and Manmatha Rai Chaudhuri.]

I IDENTIFY this man. His name is Satish Ch. Mitter of Kidderpur. His home is at Baikantapur near Sonarpur. I have known him from the end of 1908. He never went out with me on dacoity. He was in the house of his elder brother, Sarat Mitter, at Kidderpur. He lived at Baikantapur, and came from time to time to Kidderpur. I know him as a member of our secret society. He knew all about our affairs, but he gave us no advice.

I do not know this man (Manmatha Nath Chaudhuri).

I know this man. He is Haridas Chakravarti, also called Sivendra; and this man, he is Bhusan Chandra Mitra. From 1909 I have known Sivendra. I myself initiated him into our society at the house of Sarat Mitter at Kidderpur. He was with me in the Netra dacoity. He was with me, too, at the Kuleswar target practice. He lives at Sitaram Ghose's Street in Calcutta. I had been to his house, and I showed it to Mr. Sen. I have already told all about him.

I have known Bhusan from 1908. He was with me in the Netra dacoity. He lives at Changripota, or Chingripota. I do not know his house. I met him first at Sarat Mitter's house. He was in Nani Gopal's society. He worked in the Royal Insurance office in Calcutta. I have already told all else I know about him.

I know this man. He is Karu Dada *alias* Nibaran Ch. Mazumdar. After I went to Kristanagar after the Netra dacoity, I first went to the house of a vakil, whose name I did not know then, but now I know. This man was his clerk. The *chogra*, who took me from Calcutta, took me to him to the vakil's house. He was then sleeping in the lower room. I knew him as a member of our society. When I was staying at Arya Chemical Factory, he went to Nani Gopal's. He spent of the money I had at Kristanagar, a part and when I had to return, he came to Calcutta to get money for me from Nani Gupta for my journey back. He took a return ticket to Calcutta. On his return he did not give up his ticket, and I saw him give it to some one—I can't say whom—in my presence. Nani Gopal afterwards told me he had been to Calcutta.

I identify this man—Rajani Bhattacharji. I do not identify this man (Dasarathi Chatterji).

I first saw Rajani on the day of the Netra dacoity at the Netra *mát*. He came from Mozilpur, where he lived. I came to know afterwards he lived there, and I showed his house to Mr. Sen. On the Sunday following the Friday on which the dacoity took place, I went to his house to fetch back the *loot* from the dacoity. He was a member of our society, otherwise he could not have been in the dacoity. He came back with me with the ornaments, etc, to Sarat Mitter's house at Kidderpur. I have told how I went to Mozilpur and met a vakil on the way.

I know these two men. This man, I do not know his name, lives at Santragachi. He was in the Netra dacoity with me, and I think he went with us to Moshat, but I do not know his name. I, after the dacoity at Netra, went to Upen De's house at Santragachi and at his house I saw him, and the day after that he and I went about together seeing the places round and a large *thakur* called Ram Raja. He went in the evening with me to Nani's house. (The man so named says his name is Pulin Behari Sirkar, of Jougacha, thana Santragachi.)

This other man is Siris Ch. Sirkar, of Nattore. I came to know him from the time I went to Sarat Mitter's. After the Netra dacoity, I went to his house at Nattore. His father is Girish Ch. Sirkar, doctor. I have said already all about him. I stayed with him at Nattore before a warrant was issued against me and again after the warrant was issued, too. I showed his house to Mr. S. P. Ganguli. He is a member of our society.

I know this man. I did not know his name. I know this man. He is Poran—I think, Mazumdar.

Lalit K. Chatterji.

The man, whose name I do not know, lives at Kristanagar. He is a pleader. I saw him at Nani Gopal's house in 1909. I saw him once or twice there. I saw him one of the many times I went to Nani's house from Kidderpur. He was talking to him. I saw him in his house afterwards after the Netra dacoity in his house at Kristanagar. I never had any conversation with him. I was in his house a day and a half, but did not speak to him. After the warrant was issued, I was taken to Kristanagar and was first kept in that house. I know his name now to be Lalit Mohan Chatterji. I never saw him at any other place I showed his house to Mr. Sen. When I was at the Chemical Factory I was told by Haradhan Banerji or Mukherji, whom I knew at Sibpur and whose residence is at Kristanagar and is a member, that Lalit was a member.

I know Poran, as I first saw him frequenting the *Chatra Bhandar*. I also saw him in Nani Gopal's house. He took me, after the issue of the warrant, from Nani's house to the house of Kishori Babu, a High Court Pleader, in Cornwallis Street. I have already said all else I know about him.

I know this man, he is Bhutan Babu; and this man, Harendra Nath Banerji or Mukherji. (Says his name is Harendra Ch. Banerji, of Bikrampur.)

Bhutan's house is at Sibpur. I have known him since I went to Indra Nandi's house. He was in the Moshat dacoity and the Netra dacoity. I have said all about him before. I showed his house to Mr. Sen.

Harendra lives, I think, in Dacca at Bikrampur. I first saw him when we lived together at Indra Nandi's house. I never saw him at any dacoity. I spoke about him before. He was on a magic-lantern excursion with me, and went recruiting members with me.

I know this man. He is Tincori Das, of Mozilpur.

Accused says his name is Kalipada Chakravarti, son of Hem Chander, of Jougacha.

I know this man. He is one Kali of Santragachi.

I was with Tincori Das at Indra Nandi's house. He sometimes stayed there. He was with me in the Netra dacoity. All I have said about him before.

Kali went to Moshat with us, and he was also with us in the Netra dacoity. I never went to his house. I saw him at Bepin De's house at Santragachi, and at Nani Gopal's house at Sibpur.

I know this man. I do not know his name. He was with me at the Netra dacoity. I think he lives at Jaynagar. I never saw his house. I only saw him once in the Netra *mát*. Only I saw him once at night and so I could not identify him before Mr. Ganguli

Now, too, I am uncertain if this man was at the dacoity. A Narendra Nath Bhattacharji, of Chingripota, was, I heard, there. This I heard from some one at Kidderpur.

Narendra N. Bhattacharji.

This other man is Suresh Ch. Mitter, of Baikantapur. He lives with his *bhai*, Sarat, at Kidderpur. He went to Moshat and the Netra dacoities with me. He also went to the Musarpur dacoity. I was not in it, but I have explained already how I knew he went there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Lalit Mohan Chakravarti (on solemn affirmation).

[Recalled on 28th April 1910 in presence of Jatindra N. Hazra and Sushil Biswas.]

I IDENTIFY this man only (Sushil Biswas). His name is Sushil Biswas, of Beliasishi. After the Netra dacoity I stayed in his house there 10 or 12 days. I showed his house to the Magistrate. I have already told all else I knew about him.

At Howrah Sub-Jail.

[In presence of Bijoy K. Chakravarti, Bhupendra N. Banerji, Manmotha N., Narendra N., Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Sailendra N. Das, Kiron Ch. Rai, Gonesh Ch. Das, Sailendra N. Chatterji, Upendra K. Dey, and Atul Ch. Mukherji.]

I KNOW this man (Bijoy K. Chakravarti). He is Bijoy Chakravarti. He lives at Dighapate. He worked in the Raj Estate. I have told the Court about him before. I showed Sati Babu his house.

Convict.

I do not know this man (Bhupendra N. Banerji, of Jaynagar).

I know this man (Monmatha N. Biswas). He is Monmatha Biswas. He belongs to Nadia district. I do not know his village. I saw him at Natore at Sirish Sirkar's house. I have said all about him before.

I do not know this man (Narendra N. Biswas).

I know this man (Bidhu Bhusan Biswas). He is Bidhu Biswas, of Beliasishi. I was at his house, and have already said all about him.

I know this man (Sailendra K. Das). He is Sailendra N. Das. I do not know his house. I saw him at the mess at Jhamapukur, and he went to the Netra dacoity with us, and I said all about him before.

Convict.

I know this man (Kiran Ch. Rai). He is Kiran Rai, of Chetla. I saw him at Chetla at Charu Ghose's, and at Sarat's at Kidderpore. I have said all else about him before.

Convict.

I know this man (Gonesh Ch. Das). He is Gonesh Das. I used to see him when I stayed with Indra Nandi. I have known him since then. He stayed there too. All else, I have said before about him.

Convict.

I do not know this man (Sailendra N. Chatterji).

I know this man (Upendra Kr. De). I know him now. He lived at Santragachi. I showed his house to Mr. Sen. I knew it from before, as I have been to his house. I went with him to the Netra and Moshat dacoities. I know him now to be Upen De.

Convict.

I know this man (Atul Ch. Mukherji). I do not know his name, but I think he lives in Howrah (Khurut). I have seen him at Nani's house. He went with us to the Netra and Moshat dacoities. I identified both of them at Kristanagar Jail.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

28-4-10.

Lilit M. Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 1, on 15th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Tarunath Rai Chaudhury, Pabitra Chandra Dutt, and Annoda Prosad Kabiraj. I do not identify the other four (Ramapoda, Bibhuti Bhusan, Kristapoda and Prokriti).

I have known Tarak since 1906. He lived in Raja's Lane. I often visited him when I was staying with Indra Nandi. He was last with me at Benares. Pabitra I have known since I was first at Indra Nandi's and at the *Jugantar Chhatra Bhandar* mess.

I have known Annoda, too, since I was at Indra Nandi's. I have told about these men before in my evidence.

Cross-examined—I think the Congress in Calcutta was at the end of 1906 or beginning of 1907.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

15-6-10.

READ over to witness in presence of above accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

15-6-10.

(Sd) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

15-6-10.

Lalit M. Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 1, recalled on 30th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I DO not know this man. I have heard of him—he is Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhury—from Bidhu Biswas, Manmatha Biswas, and Sushil Biswas, when I was at Beliasishi. I heard his name in this court first, and so know who he is. I was present when others identified him.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

30-6-10.

(Sd.) L. M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

30-6-10.

Lalit Ch. Chakravarti, Witness No. 1, recalled on 11th July 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY this man Kartik Dutt. I have known him since I have been in Indra Nandi's house. He was at Annoda Kaviraj's and at the *Jugantar* office, and I often went to him in connection with the work of the secret society.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

11-7-10.

(Sd) L M. CHAKRAVARTTY.

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

I HAVE heard Counsel in this case and have read a statement made by the accused Jotindra N Hazra before the District Magistrate of Howrah, and I consider that it is necessary for the ends of justice to obtain the evidence of the said Jotindra N. Hazra, who is directly concerned in, and privy to, the offences under sections 121, 121 (*A*), 122, 123 and 400, Indian Penal Code, now under enquiry before me, and which offences are all made exclusively triable by the High Court under Act XIV of 1908.

I hereby do tender pardon to the said Jotindra Nath Hazra, on condition of his making a full and true disclosure of the whole of the circumstances within his knowledge relative to the offences mentioned above.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

12-4-10.

THE above order being explained to the accused Jotindra N. Hazra, and he having accepted it on condition mentioned, I discharge him and direct that he be examined as a witness in this case.

It is further ordered that Jotindra N. Hazra be detained in custody until the termination of the trial at the High Court.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

12-4-10.

The deposition of Jotindra Nath Hazra, Prosecution Witness No. 4, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 12th day of April 1910.

My name is Jotindra Nath Hazra. My father's name is Adhar Chandra Hazra. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside and where I am cultivator. I used to work before with my mother's brother in Calcutta in Jhamapukur, Meehua Bazar Street. This was 5 or so years ago. He had a tobacco and stationery and miscellaneous goods shop. My father's family was supported by my uncle, so I got no pay but only my food. My uncle could not look after his property, and so he gave up the shop. He was alone, so he could not see after his own lands. My father died about one and-a-half years ago. I was with my uncle two years, and then he gave up the shop. I looked about for other work in Calcutta. When he closed his shop, I stayed some time with him when he was settling up the accounts. Then I got a post in an excise shop for opium and *ganja*, belonging to Rakhal Hazra in Chitpore Road. I was with him for a year or a year and-a-half. My father's elder brother's wife died, and I went home. She had brought me up, and so I cried when I heard she was dead, and I came home with my father. After being here about one and-a-half months, my father said, "My circumstances are not good, you had better return to Calcutta and try to get work." I returned, but could find none. I came to Calcutta off and on to get work. A little after Shibu Hazra and Dasu Chatterji, my co-villagers, and I used to play cards and talk together, and I did no work. After another four months my father and other relatives began to get annoyed with me. My father got so annoyed that he even grudged giving me my food. My mind got disturbed owing to this treatment. There is a *chogra*, Satya Banerji, of our village, who smokes *ganja*. He used to come and join us in our games and talks. I then used to sleep in Dasu's *boitakhana* and not even go and take my meals. Satya advised me to smoke *ganja*, saying my brain would be cleared. So I did so. Dasu is our priest, and the ladies of his house were kind to me from my childhood. They used to give me food there for, say, 15 days in a month. So things went on like this for five or seven months. One day I had my meal at home, and I was sitting at the *sadar* of Dasu's house under a *bel* tree. Shibu Hazra (he and I had read together) came to play with me. He asked where Dasu was. I went into Dasu's house and found him brushing his hair. I told him Shibu was here. Dasu said he was coming. I and Shibu sat and waited for him, talking. Shibu said to me, "Your circumstances are bad, and you sit here doing nothing. Your family is in debt. How long will you go on like this? If you swear not to tell anyone, I will tell you something." I said, "What is it?" He said, "It will do you good, as you do nothing now and are useless. You will be able to earn something." I said, "Say what you have to say." I promised not to tell anyone. He said: "I will tell you, but first take an oath. I said, "What is it that I must take an oath? You had better tell me." Shibu, after I said I could not take an oath, said, "You will have to do dacoity." I said, "How can I?" He said he could show me how, and warned me not to tell anyone. I said I did not believe him, and that he only told me this as being a *ganja*-smoker. He said, "No. It is not untrue. The *swadeshi* agitation is going on now, and the agitators are committing dacoities, and dacoity is one of the principal limbs (*prodhan anga*) of the movement." I said I could not believe that the *swadeshi* agitators, who were working for country's good, would commit dacoity. He said, "You need not do these things now, but when I convince you this is for the country's good, would you do it then?" I said, "At present I do not believe you, but afterwards, if you convince me, I will believe you." I asked him if he was alone in the matter, or if others were with him. He said, "There are many well-to-do and learned men of Calcutta, and sons of well-to-do men who are in this matter. Who are you? Only an ignorant villager." I said, "Can you show me some of these people of Calcutta?" He said, "Yes, I can, certainly." He said, "Will you go to Calcutta?" I said, "Yes, but it is expensive." He offered to take me at his expense. I agreed to go. I then asked him how long he had been in this business. He said, "Eight months to a year." I asked why he had not told me before. He said, "You want a good deal of skill in this matter. You are too frivolous." He said he would take me to the house of a Babu in Calcutta. I said, "Is it these Babus' profession to commit dacoities?" He said, "Yes, at present their profession is dacoity, but there is a great deal of hidden meaning mixed in these dacoities which you will know of later."

There was no further conversation then.

Shibu said he would take me to Calcutta three or four days later. After three or four days, he said he was going to Calcutta, saying he would go himself first and ask the people whether he should take me there or come here. He said, "Such were the orders that none should be taken without orders." He went off that day to Calcutta. He returned the day after next, and I asked him, and he told me a man from Calcutta was coming, and he would find what I was like and then further details will be settled. During the next month Shibu went two or three times to Calcutta. I constantly asked when the man was coming.

My father sent a letter to my uncle, saying I was doing no work and my health was bad and, if I went on like this, I should die, and asking him to take me away. My uncle came on receipt of the letter to our house. I told Shibu of this, and that my uncle wanted to take me away. He said, "Wait three or four days and I will go to Calcutta again and, on my return, I will tell you." I told my uncle I would come in three or four days. Shibu went to Calcutta. My uncle went home. Shibu said the man would come the next day. He did not come, so I went off to my uncle, Rakhal Ch. Ghose.

Satya Banerji and a Santal came there two days after my arrival. I was then sitting at the shop of Jotin *chogra*. My cousin told me that two people had come for me. I went and saw Satya and the Santal sitting in the *sadar*. Satya gave me a letter and also told me that Shibu said the Babu had come from Calcutta, and I was to go back with them to my village as the Babu was waiting. At that time my uncle came up, and he was angry and he beat me and he threatened to hand Satya over to the police, saying he had already ruined me with his *ganja*-smoking, and now he wanted to get back to him again. I took up the letter and my uncle went to bathe. Satya got angry as he was abused, and he went off. I did not go.

About 15 days Shibu sent me a post-card, asking me to come as quickly as possible and not to make public what he had told me.

In two or three months I got, besides the post-card, two or three letters from him. I replied I could not come without my uncle's leave, but I would not disclose anything. He came to the house one day to take me back. He said, "Are you willing to come, if I get his leave by some artifice?" I agreed. My uncle came to the *sadar*. Shibu said that he had come to fetch me to attend his sister's marriage, and my uncle let me go. I came back to my village the next day. Three or four days after Shibu brought me back. One Kristo Babu came there from Calcutta. His full name is Kristadhan Mukherji. He came to Shibu's house. I knew him. I met him at Dasu's *sadar*. He asked me my name, etc. He told Shibu, "You may bring Jotin with you when you like to our place." The next day he returned to Calcutta. After that, 15 or 17 days after, Shibu brought me to Calcutta to that Babu's house. It is in Chaudhuripara in Sibpur. We came by train from Krishnagar and got down at Telkal Ghât and then went to the right to the *mât* behind the Howrah Court, and thence went on south to Sibpur till we reached a jute mill and then a *chaurasta*, whence we turned west and then I saw the name Dharamtola Lane; we left it to the right and went on westwards and then turned to the north. In front of his house are five trees—*bel*, *asok*, *amlakhi*, *bhar* and *ashud*—dedicated (*panchabati*). They had a platform of cement round them in the form of a ring. The door of the house is to the west; so, in coming out, one sees these trees to one's east. I have been to that house three or four times. This is the first occasion. I sat down in a room to the right on entering. Krista came, and then he went away after seeing us. After about 15 minutes he returned and began to talk to us. About three-quarters of an hour after Nani Babu came. I knew him to be Nani Babu. I did not know his name then. He asked me my name, etc. He asked me if I was prepared to do any good, as we are doing for the good of the country. I said I was poor; what good can I do? He said I would have to be taught, but I must not reveal anything. I told him I could do as I was told, but my circumstances were very bad. He said that they would improve. He then said that for the good of your country you need self-reliance and strength of mind. I asked what he meant. He explained that *monertej* (strength of mind) meant not disclosing anything if one is tortured or has to suffer in doing anything, and that *artya biswas* (self-reliance) meant obedience to all orders to him without inquiring its object. There was no more conversation then.

The next day I came back home.

I went to Krista's house again with Shibu. There Nani Babu gave me advice in the same way as before. I said I did not understand the meaning of *artya biswas*, and asked him to explain it again. He said, "If you believe in your soul within you, you will be able to believe anything."

I went a third time there with him. Bhuban, Krista and Nani were there. I came to know their names then. I knew Krista from before. I came to know Bhuban was second brother of Krista. I had been told by Shibu on the first occasion Nani's name. Nani Babu then told me if I wished to do good to the country, the first necessity is money. Much money was necessary. He said, "How can we get it? Government has a mint, but we have not." I said, "How, then, will we get money?" He replied, "Dacoity will have to be committed." I said, "Only low people's trade is dacoity, and if you commit it, it will be in the house of respectable people. How will you so benefit your country?" He said I must learn how to do dacoities. After that Krista Babu came to me, to our village. He asked me if we had courage enough to commit dacoity. We said we could, but must be shown how it is to be done.

Shibu after that came again to Calcutta, and on his return home I asked him what had occurred, and he said that Nani Babu had asked him to arrange for dacoity in our part of the country. This was in the beginning of *Aswin* 1315 or the end of *Bhadra*. There is one Rajani Rakhit in our neighbourhood. I forgot to mention before this that Nirode Mohanta came to the house of Shibu's father-in-law. To him Shibu told all about these dacoities, and about *swadeshi*, etc. Nirode Mohanta told him there was a very well-to-do man in his quarter at Diboira. This was in *Asar* or *Sraban* 1315. Shibu said he would go to Calcutta and fetch men and will return by the 9 P.M. train, and I was to wait at the *sadar* of Dasu's house. I was lying down there alone. Shibu came with one man about 11 or 11-30 P.M. with a big knife so long (shows over a foot) and three fingers broad. The man is Naren, a Brahmin. I could identify him, if I saw him. Shibu told me at that time he was Naren Babu At that time Nirode Mohanta was not present They asked where was Nirode. I said he had fever and was staying at the house of a *baistab* in our village at Sitapore. He had told me before that when the people came from Calcutta, I was to go and call him. I was sent to fetch him quickly.

I and Dasu went to fetch him, and Shibu and Naren stayed there. Nirode was asleep in the *baistab's* shop. I called him, and he got up. He said he was in high fever and could not go with them. We returned to Dasu's *sadar*. Shibu asked me and I told him. He said, "What is to happen? The men are collected at Tarkeswar. Go with Naren and tell them to go away." I said I could not go. Dibora is 7 or 7½ *crosh* from my home, and 4 or 4½ *crosh* from Tarkeswar, so the main body was sent to Tarkeswar, Dasu, Shibu and Noren then went off to Tarkeswar during the night, leaving about 1½ hours after their arrival. Shibu and Dasu returned two days after. Shibu said that Nani Babu had said that it was as well the dacoity had not taken place, and that he could send two men from his place to be shown the house mentioned by Nirode and the way to it. Ten or 12 days after two men came by the 9 P.M. train. Shibu met them at Krishnagar station and brought them, and said to me, "You know the way better, as it is near your uncle's house. Let us first go together." I agreed. We left about 4-30 A.M. before people were up and went towards Diboira. The two men who came from Calcutta were Babus well-dressed with socks and shoes, and *pagri* tied round their faces and wore spectacles. I asked Shibu in the *mát* their names. He said, why I asked? and he said, I should not ask. At the village of Bhujera there is one Rakhal Mandal, well known to my family. This was in *Jaista*. It was the time when the melons were growing in the villages, and we picked dates from the trees and ate them, also some melons. We turned aside to Rakhal's as we were thirsty, and sat in the *patsala* in his *sadar* and drank water. Rakhal came and gave us sweets (*sandesh*) and water. Rakhal asked where the Babus and Shibu lived, and I said Calcutta, and they said so too. We said we are going to Jehanabad on business. We refused to stay to a meal, and went on. We sat down at the Mayerpore *serai* on the Ahallya Bhai Road which goes to Raniganj side. There we sat down, and the shop-keepers were there; we had some water. Nirode had told us to ask for his home from the shop-keepers. A shop-keeper showed it us. Shibu and I went to his house. He was not there. His brother had a small shop. We found him. He asked us what we wanted. We said we knew him, and we were passing on our way back from Jehanabad. He told us Nirode had not been home for one and-a-half months. We bought some *sandesh* from him and ate it and drank some water and returned to the *chuti*. Shibu said, "What can we do?" We had something to eat, and about 4 P.M. we started back home. At that *chuti* I met Romesh Bagdi—a man of my *mama's* village. We returned back and about 9 or 9-30 reached Shampur. A storm came on and we sat in a *Sonar Baniya's* shop. It was a goldsmith's shop. It rained hard for half-an-hour or three-quarters. It was very dark. We had three revolvers with us and two daggers. The Babus agreed we must go on. Our houses were 1 or 1½ miles off from Shampur. We went on and came to the Asanda *mát* where there were melons, and the people who owned them had huts to watch them. Shibu said, "There may be people in the huts we know. We will ask them for a light." There were four or five such huts. I went up to one of them. We had to pass under an *Asatya* tree, and Shibu tumbled over and the revolver he had with him fell out. In the dark we began to search for it. Shibu found it. We got up to the hut and a man came out with a light. Shibu said he was the son of Kedar of Kirchi, and asked for a smoke. He put his revolver in front of the lamp. The man—I think his name was Nitai—asked what it was. He said, "Only a weapon," and began to talk of other things. Shibu asked for a lamp, but there was none to spare, and so we got up and returned to the village. I went home, and the *bhadraloks* stayed in Shibu's *sadar*. Next day very early Shibu woke me up and told me to take the two men across the river up to the *bandh* which runs direct to Krishtanagar. I did so and went home.

Shibu, about eight or ten days after, went to Calcutta again to Nani's. On his return I asked him, and he told me that Nani told us to look about for a dacoity and men could be sent from Calcutta. I said I could not go on like this without work. I was willing even to prepare *chillams* and do *khansama's* work if I could earn something. If you can get Nani to give me something, well and good. Shibu said he would tell Nani Babu. He returned to Calcutta, and came back and said to me I was to go to Nani Babu. Four or five days after I got up at 4-30 A.M., and walked the whole way to Sibpur to Nani, as I could not afford to pay for the train. I went to Bhuban's house, and told him and Krista about my wants. Nani came in the evening and I told him and he said, "All right, we will see." Next morning I told Bhuban Babu again saying I had no money. He said, "All right, wait;" and he went to Nani and came back and gave me a rupee. He told me to return in five or seven days, as there was not much money in hand then. I walked back home. Shibu asked me, and I told him I only got a rupee and am to return after five or seven days. He told me not to be impatient, as he was going to arrange a dacoity in the house of Rajaram Rakhit, of Protapchuck, Binodebati. Five or seven days after Shibu came to Calcutta and came back with Kristo Babu. He took Kristo and showed him the house. In the evening he told me to conduct Kristo up to the *bandh* on the way to Krishnagar. After that, at the middle or end of *Asar* there was a flood in the Damodar, and so it was not suitable for a dacoity. After many delays, Shibu came to Calcutta and brought back another Babu, whose name was Keshab De. Shibu said without doubt the dacoity will be committed 10 or 12 days. Shibu at that time told me the Babu's name was Rajani Babu. He showed him in the afternoon Rajaram's house and shop, and the next day I took him to the river. At the ghát, when I was going to see him across, there was a Musalman youth, and we asked him to take him across, and he said wait, let me get one or two others. We were kept about 10 minutes. Keshab told

me to tell him to cross him over and he would pay what he wanted. Then Keshab went across.

On the 23rd or 24th *Aswin* the dacoity was fixed. Shibu went to Calcutta to arrange about it. I was told to be at Krishnagar station the night before, where I would meet the Babu whom I had met under the name of Rajani. When I saw them I was to keep 30 or 40 cubits from them, and they were to follow me. I went, but the train reached the station before me, and I met them about half-a-mile from the station with Rajani Babu. When he came to about 2 miles from the station to Arkati, I met Nibaran Nandi, who was then going to Calcutta. There are two tanks on either side of the road. The one on the north of the road is not used and has heavy jungle all round it. The men—there were seven—went and hid in this jungle. I stood there, and Rajani beckoned to me, and I went there. They were all sitting on the east side, and had spread papers and towels on the top, and there were some four canvas bags. In a *hari* there were some sweets, and in a towel were fruits they brought from Calcutta. There were five revolvers with them. I know their names. I then only knew Noren *alias* Bholanath by name. The others were Keshab Babu, Badul De, Pulin Mittra, Satu Babu, brother of a doctor of Kidderpore, and there were three others, one of whom, I think, is named Monmotha I ate with them and then they began to dry their cartridges. I remember another man was Kalipada Bhattacharji. The revolvers were rusting in the barrels, and Bhola began to clean them. About 4 or 4-30 Rajani told me to see if anyone else was about on the road. If no one was there, I was to whistle and they would come out. No one was there. I whistled and they came out. I was told to go on 20 or 50 cubits ahead, and they followed. We went on the road by the Damodar. My home is half-a-mile from there. I was told to go home and tell Shibu to come to me. He was, when we came near a date tree, near where they where sitting, to call out "Kali Babu." That was the watch-word. Shibu went and took them to a sugarcane-field belonging to Behari Lal. He returned to me. I was by the bank of my tank. Shibu fetched Dasu and took him to the Calcutta people. They first sent away Dasu and then me, then Shibu gave him Hari Adhikari of our village, and he went with them. Shibu saw to the preparation of the torches, etc., for them. I and Dasu went home. We were told when the villagers came out, we were to come out just as they did. We went and sat down in Dasu's house for music. As we reached his *sadar* we heard the noise of revolver shots All the people ran out, including ourselves. All collected by the *pathsala*. People said there has been a dacoity at Rakhal's house. We all went up to Rakhal Samanta's shop. All of us then returned. Shibu came to the *sadar* of Dasu about 15 minutes. He had had two revolvers with him which he had given the dacoits. Shibu came with Dasu and woke me up at 1 or 1-30 A.M. and took me to the sugarcane field where the dacoits had been sitting. There we met Haripada seated there. He told us three men had gone to Bagnan station and four to Tarkeswar. He had seven revolvers, two swords, and two daggers lying in front of him. Shibu had a Huntley Palmer's biscuit tin, and he put about five revolvers in it. One was too long. It was a pin-fire one. He dug a hole in the ground by the tank and buried the revolvers. I and Dasu came home. Hari had gone before us. Hari told us that the pin-fire revolver none knew how to fire, and two other revolvers were bad in some way, and so many people collected that nothing was obtained.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

READ over to him in Bengali and admitted correct.

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AFTER reading over, he says :—

Nani, before he spoke to me about self-reliance, on the occasion of my third visit, made me take certain oath. He and Bhuban Brahmin were seated together and said that seated as you are with a Brahmin, if you mention these matters to anyone else you will be as one who lies with his own mother (*matriharan*), and you will be as guilty as if you killed cows and Brahmins; and he made me take other vows, and he said I would be killed. He also said this is a "Secret Society." I said I did not understand Secret Society. So he told me it was a '*Gupta Samiti*' and that it was never to be mentioned; and if I did speak of it, I and all my family will be killed.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
12-4-10.

(Sd.) JOTINDRA NATH HAJRA.

RECALLED ON 13TH APRIL 1910.

[*On solemn affirmation*]:—After the dacoity, Shibu went to Nani's house about five or seven days after. He took with him the revolvers which he tied up in a *gamcha*, and then

tied them round his waist, and over that he wore his shirt. He stayed there one or two days and then returned to our village. I asked what Nani said. He said nothing was taken, and that there was a *jhogra* among the people who came to commit the dacoity. At the time when these people came to commit dacoity, he said Nani Babu went to Birbhum, and he had ordered Bhuban that, on his return from Birbhum, he would make proper arrangements for this dacoity. But Rajani Babu *alias* Keshab Babu could not wait, and he got Bhuban to give the men, as he had already fixed the day of dacoity. Bhuban had objected to acting contrary to Nani Babu's orders; and he said, "I cannot give many people, but you can take the few who are here and go, if you like." So, on the return after the dacoity, there was a quarrel between Keshab and Bhuban, as they had got nothing. They wanted to shoot one another. Shibu told me all this. After the return of Nani, Shibu told me that Nani gave orders to kill Keshab De. I asked if he said anything about my circumstances. Shibu told me I had better go to Nani Babu once. Five or seven days after I went to Nani Babu to his own house, which is on the west side of a tank which is next to the tank on the west side of Bhuban's house. When I arrived, Nani was not there. I sat there, and after a bit he arrived. He asked whether Keshab come to our place after the dacoity, I said, "Who?" He said, "The Babu who came there after Kristo Babu had been there, and who wore spectacles." Then I came to know that Rajani's real name was Keshab. I said he had not come to us since the dacoity. I asked him to give me something. He told me to wait there or at Bhuban's as he had to go out. He then went away. I stayed an hour and, as no one came, I went to Bhuban's house. I ate there, and I saw no more of Nani that day. Next day I told Kristo Babu to go to Nani Babu and see if he will give me anything, as it was late and I wanted to go home. Kristo Babu went and came back after half an hour, and said Nani was not there, and he gave me a rupee of his own. I returned home and saw Shibu. He asked me what had happened, and I told him this is all a fraud; that in the name of *swadesh* these people get hold of sons of *bhadrulok* and commit dacoity for their own benefit, and only pay those who can give them goods taken in dacoity.

Eight or ten days after Shibu told me that there was an easy job on hand, and that he had some men and I might join if I liked; and if I did so, he was ready for committing dacoity. Shibu said he had done dacoity before. He said he had been in a dacoity at Shibpur. He said he had been in two or three other places for dacoity, and added, "Say if you are willing to come in this dacoity." He said that there were, besides him and me, Dasu, Hari Adhikari and Atul Pal. He said he would not have Satya, as he smoked *ganja*, and would probably let out the secret. He said that in South Singhti is the *Bandhab Samiti*, and Monmatha Nath Chaudhuri is the head of that *samiti*, and Kristo Ghose, Shibu's brother-in-law and Nrityananda Singha Rai and *chogra* Satis, son of a Brahmin. I would know him, if I saw him. When I was staying with my uncle, Satya told me that Shibu had taken him and Dasu to a place in Calcutta where he had met many people at a *bari*. There was a tank there with an iron fencing all round, and he had seen a fine-looking Babu, with gold spectacles on, who had spoken to him sitting on the grass. Many people were coming and going, and all were in good spirits. He said he could identify the place, if he went there again.

Shibu said he would get two or three revolvers for the dacoity and some daggers. I said I would consider, and Shibu went to see if he could get men from Calcutta. He told Monmatha the same as he told me. Shibu told me that Monmatha had told him of rich Musalman's house near South Singhti. I could point out the house. Shibu said he would speak to Nani Babu about committing dacoity there. He went to Calcutta and returned the next day, and he told seven or eight days after in *Kartic*, about 27th or 28th, the dacoity would take place at the Musalman's house. On the fixed day I was sitting at Dasu's *sadar* with him, and about 3 or 3-30 P M. a *chogra*, Jogesh *alias* Madaru, came quickly from the east. When he was 50 cubits off I could see from the *sadar*. (I had known him from before, as he came twice with Shibu before)

I asked, "What news?" I had heard before that some of the men would be detrained at Kristanagar and some at Amta, and Shibu had sent Hari Adhikari to Amta the night before. It was arranged that Monmatha would come and wait on the *bandh* of the big river by the Jaynagar Ghat. We five and the people who came *vid* Kristonagar station were to go south to Jaynagar Ghat; and Hari came to bring the men who got down at Amta north to the Jaynagar Ghat.

Jogesh Madaru came and said that the dacoity was not to take place to-day, as there was a mess over the dacoity in this quarter which Bholanath was concerned in; and so Nani Babu would send an "expert leader" (English), and he had written to him, but he had not arrived, and so he had been sent to put it off for two days. I left him to talk with Dasu and went to fetch Shibu. He heard it, and he said, "Let us go, as Monmatha will be waiting for us, and we will tell them to go away and then return." We all went, including Madaru. After going about two miles, we met Hari Adhikari coming back. He said he was returning, as he had found no one. He asked where we were going; he said, "To Monmatha." I did not know Monmatha then. Shibu knew him. I only knew Kristo Ghose. We got to the ghat and saw Monmatha standing there with a red "wrapper" on his body. Monmatha led us in advance, about 50 cubits ahead, and we followed. It was then after dusk. Monmatha went down to the river bank and, after going some four or five bighas, got into a boat, and we all went into it and sat there. Shibu told him that the dacoity was to

be delayed. He said that Satis had gone to the place and had torches, etc, ready in a *mát* near the house. We left the boat, and crossed the river where it was dry and walked to Monmatha's house. He told us to stand by a mangoe tree near a tank near his house while he went to change the clothes. Fifteen or 17 minutes after he returned and took us to a bamboo bench outside a shop in front of the Gar Bhowanipore School, and told the shopkeeper to fry some *luchis* for us. We told the shopkeeper we were coming from Ampta and were going to Dibhurshad, where we lived. We sat there and ate, and after a bit Satis came. He said he had been waiting on the spot, and came as none came there. Then we all came home again. Jogesh went home next morning. Shibu went to Calcutta and returned with Kristo Babu and showed him the house at Morehal, where lived Soshi Saha and Kristo said he would bring four men next Tuesday. When they did not come on Tuesday, Shibu said he would certainly do the dacoity next day; and he sent Dasu early on Wednesday morning—the 17th *Agrahan*—to fetch Monmatha, Nityananda, Satis, and Kristo, brother-in-law of Shibu. He brought them back about 5-30 P.M. Shibu told me to go with Monmatha, Satya, Kristo and Satis after sunset, to go *viâ* Munshipur Ghat, and to go and sit by the side of a *masjid* at Hariharpur; and he would meet us there. When Dasu first brought Monmatha and the others they were kept in the broken *sadar* of Satya's house.

When we were at Hariharpur, Bepin Samanta came from Parhariharpur to Hariharpur. I knew him, and I told the men to say that they belonged to a *jatra* party on their way to Tarkeswar. Bepin passed on. Nitya began to cry, "Kali Babu, Kali Babu," as the others were late. After half an hour they all came. We all went on to Morehal. We met two people on the embankment on the way, and they asked where we were going, and we said to Tarkeswar. When about half a mile from Soshi's house, we went into a *mát* by the river, and there we arranged our clothes, and prepared our *pagrís* and tied our cloths in *malcocha* style. Torches were prepared. We then went to the house We stood under the *bandh* 30 *háts* off. Shibu told Hari to go up to the house and see whether the lights were still alight. It was then about 7-30 P.M. He came and said that the lights were alight and the door was half ajar. So Shibu told us all to enter the house. Monmatha and Shibu stayed outside. I and all the others went in and found a woman sleeping there. The house had two *ghars*—one facing south and the other facing east. The lamp was in the south-facing room. Nitai lit a torch from the lamp. Kristo and Satis went into the south-facing room. Dasu was doing duty inside the *bari*, carrying a sword. I stood below the east-facing room. Atul got inside the east-facing hut with the torch. Monmatha and Shibu at that time (they had two revolvers) fired off their revolvers. We had in all two revolvers and three swords and one or two daggers. At the noise many came out. I heard them and I ran out over to the *bandh*. From there I saw people running from all sides. I ran down to the river, crossed it and went and hid in a wood. I heard a great noise of people and the noise of revolvers from there. I heard cries of "He is caught" about 15 minutes afterwards. I saw a man under arrest of the people coming within three or three and-a-half bighas of me. They had caught him on the river bank on the west side of the river. They took him back to Soshi's house. When the noise stopped about 3 or 3-30 A.M. I went back home alone. On my return I saw Shibu, Nitai, and Kristo asleep on a *taktaposh* at Shibu's. I said one man was arrested. I think Monmatha. I then went home to bed. The next day I went to Shibu's house. Kristo only was there. Kristo told me he had a row with Shibu when he came back about a man being arrested. Kristo said he did not know what others got, he got a gold *nat* and a chain. He gave them to me. He said he did not want to have conversation with Shibu. I went home with these things I met Shibu in the morning and he told me either Monmatha or Satis had been arrested. Shibu went off On Friday there was some paddy being cut, and I was there and the police brought Monmatha to our village. I was told that Monmatha had mentioned Satya's name and the police were looking for him. At that time Shibu came and said, "Don't run away; let each be in his own house doing his own work." Satya, I met and warned to run away. He said he was not guilty and went home, where the police caught him. They arrested Shibu, too, and our names were mentioned. I, Dasu, Hari and Atul Pal hid ourselves. Our houses were all searched. After the house-search I came back to my house, and after my meal I again hid in the jungle, and about 3 or 3-30 A.M. I went off to Tarkeswar and came thence by train to Calcutta to Nani Babu. There I stayed one month and five to seven days either at Nani's house or Bhuban's house or at Santragachi with Badal De (he had gone with us to the dacoity at Binodebati), and I stayed one day with one Amrita Babu at Bara Bazar in a *gadi*. I returned back home the day after I returned from his house to Nani's house. I had told Nani Babu about the *nat* and chain. He told me to go home and he would send Dasu to fetch them. While I was at Nani's I met other people—a Bistupada Mukerji, of Sibpur, Tinkori Ghose, Kali Babu, and others whom I could recognise, but whose names I do not know. One was Haren Babu. At Santragachi I met Badal De, Pulin Mitter, and Kalipada Bhattacharji They came to Sibpur and took me to Badal. Badal worked in an office in the north of Dalhousie Square. Ambika Babu, whom I met worked in an office on south-west of Dalhousie Square. Kali Babu works in an office in China Bazar. Bhuban works in a Life Insurance office in Bow Bazar.

I returned home, and Dasu gave me a small box and some wax. I put the articles in the box and put a cloth over it, and sealed it up and gave it to Dasu, and I had been warned not to tell Dasu the contents of the box. Dasu went off to Calcutta. I stayed at home, and on 23rd *Magh* I, Hari, and Dasu were arrested by the police, but were acquitted on the 18th *Baisakh* 1316. This was in the Morehal case. I was let off in the Sessions. Monmatha

was convicted. I was let off on a Saturday and came to Calcutta on Sunday and went to Nani's house alone. I saw Bhuban asleep in his house. I woke him up and told him all and asked for Nani. He went out and fetched Nani Babu. I told him of all my expenses and Nani told me to come the next Saturday. I went there the next Saturday, and told him I wanted work and I could not do this sort of work. Nani told me I was too timid and he would find some other work as I was unfit for his work, and he gave me a letter and sent Bistupada with me to Kali Babu in China Bazar on the following Wednesday. I gave him the letter, which was in English He told me to come the following Wednesday, when I would get work. I came out. As I came out, I saw in China Bazar Ramanath Sahu and Upen Sahu. I told them I had come for work. I went back alone to Nani Babu, and he gave me three rupees and sent me home, saying I was to come on Wednesday. I returned home and I went to my uncle's home to fetch paddy, and so did not go next Wednesday. I then, while there, heard a case was instituted against me under section 110. I was arrested and punished. I was convicted on the 17th August.

There is one Harsan Charal of our country, who lived near Krishnagar station. He used to teach *lathi*-play at Nani's house to Nani, Madaru and others. This I knew from just before the Morehal dacoity. I saw him the third occasion I went to Nani's house; also I saw Algu Khotta, who is a servant of Nani.

Bhutnath Sen Gupta, of Udainarainpur, I know. He is some relation of Nani Gupta. I have seen Nani Babu at his house once. Bhutnath was the man who brought Shibu first to Nani.

I saw Nani once since the section 110 case. It was on the 14th August—the first day of the section 110 case was the 4th, and the 14th was the second day. I saw him at Bhuban's house. He told me to come five or seven days afterwards. I don't remember if he fixed any day.

I know as members of the secret society:—Shibu, Dasu, Hari, Atul Pal, Nityananda Singh Rai, Monmotha Nath Chaudhuri, Kristha Ghose, Satis of Singti, Nani Babu, Bhuban Babu, Kristo Babu, Jagesh Madaru, Bistu Mukherji (or Chatterji), Kali Babu, Tinkori Ghose, Keshab De, Bholanath *alias* Naren Babu, Brahmin, Satis Mitra (brother of Dr. Sarat, of Kidderpore), Pulin Mitra, Badal De, Kalipada Bhattacharji, Haran Babu, and a "master"—a Brahmin—whom I met at Nani Babu's house, Gyan Babu, and others whom I could identify. Shibu told me that Bholanath married a widow and lived at Kidderpore, where Sarat doctor and others lived.

All the dacoities, according to what Nani Babu told me, were for collection of money with which to purchase weapons and to maintain the people collected, and when the society became large, then there would be war with the English. He told me I had no right to ask, as I was only concerned with work, not the fruit of the work. He also quoted a *Sloka* from the *Gita*: "You have right only to the *Karma* and not to the fruit of it." He also said he would give me works:—"*Ananda Mat*," "*Sitaram*," by Bankim Babu, and "*Matri-puja* or "*Swarboudhar*."

My father died on 17th *Sraban* 1315. After he died I came to Nani for help for the *sradh*. Then he gave me nothing, but Bhuban Babu gave me a rupee.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

HE then says:—When Shibu spoke to me about the Morehal dacoity after we were released, he told that he had committed a dacoity while I was still in jail at Hooghly (he had been acquitted from Serampore) near Haripal. He told me that he had, with what he got, redeemed two pairs of cloth which he had pledged with Abinash Chaudhuri, of Baira Kurchi. He also told me about Bholanath and the Sibpur dacoity, and said that Nani Babu had borne the expense of Bholanath in that case so as to get him released.

When I was arrested in the 110 case, I told all about what happened to Shams-ul-Alam, a Moulvi Sahib.

(Sd.) JOTINDRA NATH HAZRA. (Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-4-10.

Jotindra Nath Hazra, on solemn affirmation.

[Recalled at Howrah Sub-Jail on the 28th April 1910. In presence of Nani Gopal Gupta, Bhuban and Bhutan Mukerji, Bistupada Chatterji, Harendra Ch. Banerji, Jogesh Mitra, Satis, Sarat and Suresh Mitra, Tinkori Das, Siva Hazra Dasarathi Chatterji, Atul Pal, Monmatha N. Chaudhuri, Kalipada Chatterji, Haripada Adhikari, Bijoy K Chakravarti, Narendra Nath Bose, Pulin Behari Sirkar, Upendra De, Sailendra K. Das, Sailendra Chatterji, Atul Mukerji, Ganesh Das, Kiran Rai, Monmatha, Bidhubhushan, Narendra and Sunil Biswas, Bhupendra N. Banerji, and Lohit M. Chakravarti (approver).]

I IDENTIFY this man. He is Krista Babu, of Sibpur. He came to our village and I have been to his house. He spoke to me about committing dacoities and *swadeshi*. He came

to our village five or six times and stayed at Dasu's. This is the Krista Babu I referred to in my deposition. This is Krista Mukerji, not Krista Ghose. [Identifies Krista Babu *alias* Bhutu.]

I do not identify this man (Bejoy K. Chakravarti).

I identify this man (Atul Pal). He is Atul Pal, of Kurchi. He was of our party, and was with us in the Morehal dacoity.

I do not identify this man (Narendra Nath Bose).

I identify this man (Suresh Ch. Mitra). He is Satis Babu, of Kidderpore. I have seen him. He came to the Protapchuk dacoity. I heard his name from Shibu after that dacoity. I saw him nowhere else. I never saw him at Chaudhuripara.

I do not identify this man (Sarat Ch. Mitra).

I identify this man (Pulin Behari Sirkar). He is Pulin Behari Mitra, of Santragachi. I saw him at Chaudhuripara at Krista's house, and I also saw him at Badal De's house at Santragachi. He took me to Badal De's when I was absconding after the Morehal dacoity.

I identify this man (Manmatha N. Chaudhuri). He is Manmatha Nath Chaudhuri of Ghar Bhawanipur. He was with me in the Morehal dacoity.

I identify this man (Kalipada Chakravarti). He is Kalipada Bhattacharji, He was at the Protapchuk dacoity. I also saw him at Chaudhuripara at Krista's house, and at Santragachi, where he lives.

I identify this man (Satis Ch. Mitter). He is brother of Sarat doctor. He is Satis Babu, of Kidderpore. I have seen him at the Protapchuk dacoity. I made a mistake when I said I identified this man (Suresh) as Satis. I meant this man, now shown me. I now see I do not know this man (Suresh). I only saw Satis Babu once on the occasion of the Protapchuk dacoity. Shibu told me he was Sarat doctor's brother.

I identify this man (Bistupada Chatterji.) He is Bistu Babu. He lives at Shibpur. I have seen him at Krista Babu's house two or three times. He took me to see one Kali Babu in an office in Calcutta, after the Morehal dacoity, probably in *Jaista* 1316.

I know this man (Dasarathi Chatterji). He is Dasarathi Chatterji of my village. I have known him all my life. I have told all about him in my deposition before.

I know this man (Bhuban Mukerji). He is Bhuban Mohon Mukerji, of Sibpur, Chaudhuripara. It was his house I used to go to. He is Krista Babu's *bhai*, and lives with him. I have told about him before. He and Nani initiated me into the Secret Society.

I know this man (Tinkori Das). He is Tinkori Ghose. He lives in Diamond Harbour at Mozilpur. I saw him two or three times at Krista Babu's house.

I know this man (Haripada Adhikari). He is Haripada Adhikari of my village. I have known him from my childhood. I have already spoken about him. He went to the Morehal dacoity.

I know this man (Shivapada Hazra). He is Shivapada Hazra, of Kurchi. I have known him from my childhood. I told all about him before.

I know this man (Harendra Ch. Banerji). I do not know his name. He is called "Master." I met him at Krista Babu's house, after the Morehal dacoity, when I was there. I saw him all the time. He used to teach Krista's younger brother and sister's son.

I do not know this man (Bhupendra Nath Banerji).

I know this man (Jogesh Ch. Mitter). He is Jogesh, of Sibpur. He is also called Madaru. I have seen him at Krista's house and Nani Gopal's house; also at Kurchi. He came there about twice to Sibu. He also came a third time, when he came to put off the Singti dacoity.

I know this man (Noni Gopal Gupta). He is Nani Gopal Sen Gupta He is the head of our society. I saw him in his house at Sibpur and at Krista's. He gave all the orders as to *swadeshi* and dacoity. I only saw him at Sibpur.

I know none of these three (Kiran Ch. Rai, Ganesh Ch. Das, Sailendra Chatterji).

I know this man (Upendra Kumar De); he is Badal De, of Santragachi. He was with me at the Protapchuk-Benodebati affair. I saw him at Chaudhuripara at Krista's, and he took me after the Morehal dacoity case, when I was absconding, to his house. I stayed with him. He, Kalipada, and Pulin took me to Santragachi, and I stayed at Badal's.

Dressed as convict.

I do not know this man (Atul Ch Mukerji), nor these—Monmatha Nath Biswas, Narendra Nath Biswas, Sailendra Kumar Das, and Bidhu Bhusan Biswas—nor this man Lolit Mohan Chakravarti. I do not know the man who came with me to-day (Sushil Biswas).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
28-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
28-4-1910.

WHEREAS it appears to me necessary to have the statement made to me by the approver Jotindra Nath Hazra verified, I order that the said Jotindra Nath Hazra, now in the new Central Jail in connection with the case Emperor *versus* Lolit Mohan Chakravarti and

others under sections 121, etc., and section 400, I. P. C., be handed over to the custody of Babu Sati Prosad Ganguli, Sub-Deputy Magistrate, on 19th May at 6-30 A.M., for a period of not more than five days.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
Additional Magistrate of Howrah.

The 18th May 1910.

Jotin Hazra, Prosecution Witness No. 4, recalled, on solemn affirmation, on 20th July 1910.

[In the presence of Tara Nath Rai Chaudhury, Suresh Mozumdar, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukherji, Kristapoda Biswas, Norendra Nath Biswas, Nibaran Ch. Mozumdar, Rampoda Mukherji, and Prokriti Nath Mozumdar.]

I do not identify any of these men.

[In the presence of Hem Sen, Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya, Chuni Lal Nandi, Rojani Kanta Bhattacharyya, Norendra Nath Bhattacharyya, Kartick Dutt, Bhusan Ch. Mitter, Haridas Chakravarty, Jotindra Nath Mukherji, Annoda Rai, Bimola Deb, and Sirish Sirkar.]

I identify this man Bhusan Chandra Mitter. I have seen him at Noni Gopal Gupta's house and at the house of Bhuban Babu two or three times. He had no talk with me, but was talking to Noni Babu.

I know this man. He is Haridas Chakravarty. I saw him once at Bhuban's house. I was sitting there, and he came and asked if Bhuban Babu was at home and then went off. Bhuban's younger brother or nephew said he was not at home. I know no more about him.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of 2nd witness, Nirmal Sankar Sen, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 1st day of April 1910.

My name is Nirmal Sankar Sen. My father's name is J. Sen. I am by caste My home is at mauza Calcutta, where I reside. I am Deputy Magistrate, Alipur.

I know this man, Lolit Mohon Chakravarti (shows). He was made over to me for verification of his confession on the 6th or 7th November 1909. Mr. Bompas ordered me to go to Diamond Harbour and take charge of him. I went by train and found the man in the police launch—the *Nancy*—at Diamond Harbour in the evening. He was under my charge till I made him over to Sati Prosad Ganguli, Sub-Deputy Collector, later on. He made statements to me during a month. I took down his statements. I had received from the Subdivisional Officer, Diamond Harbour, a copy of two confessions made by Lolit to him.

[Refers to the statements prepared by him.]

After taking charge of him, we steamed up the river and got out at Prinsep's Ghat, and took him by *gari* to Howrah on the 7th November, after midnight. I began the verification about 2 or 3 A.M., on the 7th November. There was the *gari* waiting for us at the ghat, and the man said he would begin from Howrah. I made notes of all he said and showed me—at the time or in the *gari* as I was coming back—immediately after. The notes were correctly taken down. I also read them over, and he acknowledged them to be correct, and he signed them as correct.

He pointed out in Chaudharipara—I think its name is—at Sibpur various houses—

(1) A tin-covered shop, which he said was one of the places of meeting of the Sibpur society. It was closed. I noted its position in a plan I drew. It is house No. 1 in my sketch plan. I could not find the name of the owner, as no one was about.

(2) He then showed me the houses of Bhuban and Bhutan. It was too dark to take down the numbers of the houses. Lolit said Bhutan was in the Netra affair, by which I understood he meant the dacoity. The door was barred.

(3) Lolit then showed me the wood *gola* of either Nani Gopal or his father; he was not sure who owned it.

(4) He showed me a one-storied house with a long frontage, which he said belonged to a member, whose name he did not know, but whom he could identify. A tank and tall coccanut trees are opposite it across the road. Lolit said this was the house he stayed in when the warrant in the Netra case was out against him.

(5) He showed another house next to it situated on the same corner of the road, to the north of the other house, which he said was the house of another member, whose name he did not know, but who was a preacher of the propaganda.

(6) He showed me Nani Gopal's house, just opposite to No. 5, referred to above. He said Nani had ordered from the *baitakhana* that the ring and the watch be thrown into a tank.

(7) He shewed me a two-storied house belonging, he said, to Bistopada; its front had no plaster. He said this Bistupada went to the Netra dacoity.

(8) He showed me an old tumbled-down-looking two-storied house, just to the left of No. 7, situated beyond a vacant plot of land. The ground of the house was covered with rank vegetation. Lolit described it as one of the principal rendezvous of the Sibpur secret society. I had warned him that I was a Magistrate, and no police were present before I went round with him. I went round with him once on foot and once in a *gari* the same evening. I prepared this plan (Exhibit 3). It is not to scale. The directions are fairly correct. I made it from the rough plan (Exhibit 4). I brought him back to the launch that morning He was kept in the launch off Prinsep's Ghat in my custody.

After two days, on the 10th November, he took me to various places round Kidderpore and Watgunge. I first cautioned him. There was a guard of police in the *gari*, but not with us during the actual verification—

(1) He showed No. 13, in a lane commencing from No. 14, Ram Kumar Mukherji's Lane, off Puddapukur, Kidderpore, saying that up to *Sraban* Banamali Karmakar stayed there. The door was closed. This was at night.

(2) Shop No. 13-1, Circular Garden Reach Road.—Lolit said here ornaments from the Netra dacoity were melted down. Banamali personally melted them down. Naren Chatterji and Bhutan were sitting there. They told me to go away.

(3) No. 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road.—He said this is the house of Dr. Sarat Ch. Mitra, head of the Kidderpur society, and that he stayed there. Naren also stayed there. He and Satis, Sarat's *bhai*, went to the Netra dacoity. Another brother of Satis is also a member. Native soldiers used to come there. He was there for six months.

(4) A landing ghat in Munshigunge near Hastings Bridge (I mean the railway bridge), and he said there is a boat belonging to the Kidderpur branch of our society. I saw the boat. It was high and dry on the land, kept behind a house. He said they kept it to help in the work and they practised rowing and steering. That was seven months ago. "I, Suresh, Naren Chatterji, Panna Lal, Manick Lal Karmakar, of No. 72, Mansatola, and some others practised there." He took me to the left bank of the nullah just above bridge There are two chimney-stacks and house with a sloping tin roof. He then showed me where the boat used to be moored, and showed me the boat on the land. It had letters "K.R.O." It was a short of jolly boat, English-fashioned. He said "K.R.O." stands for Kidderpore Rowing Club, and that this was the boat we used. He showed a thatched house just by where the boat was lying. I went to the thana, and told the police to see it was not tampered with. He said the oars, etc., were kept in that thatched house. It was shut up.

(5) 26, Munshigunge Road.—He showed a two-storied house as belonging to Ashu Babu. After his return to the *Nancy*, Lolit told me that many members of the *akhara* of Ashu Babu are also members of our secret society. A member of that *akhara* (whose name I do not know) went to the Musarpore dacoity, and that Ashutosh had many revolvers and cartridges, etc., kept in his house, and that he on many occasions had taken revolvers, cartridges, and daggers, etc., to and from that house. He had seen him give many members of his *akhara* revolvers and cartridges.

(6) A thatch in an enclosed space at the end of a lane commencing from a spot opposite 3, Kutri Road, as being the *akhara* of Ashu Babu. He said many people stay there at night. I knocked at the door. I think it was bolted from inside. I saw no one.

(7) 78, Mansatola Lane.—A red-brick compound wall surrounds this house. He said it is Bimola Deb's house. He is a professor and is the head of the Bhowanipore branch of our secret society.

(8) 72, Mansatola Lane.—A small whitewashed two-storied house. He said here Manik Lal Karmakar, member of Kidderpore Secret Society, lived.

(9) 54, Mansatola Lane.—A one-storied whitewashed house. He said a *chogra*, whose name I do not know, lived here. He was Assistant Secretary of our Rowing Club and a member of the Kidderpore branch.

(10) A whitewashed thatched house in an open spot of land further on in this lane. He said, Panna Lal lived here up to *Sraban*. He is a member of the Kidderpore Secret Society, and he founded a public *samiti* and was Secretary of the Rowing Club.

(11) A small mat-walled-in space of land with a hut inside in the same lane. He said this was the *akhara* of the *Anusilan Samiti* and Panna Lal's *akhara*, and the members of our society belong to that *samiti*.

In this lane Lolit was afraid the people might shoot him, so the police were with us. So I wrote down the details about each circumstance given by Lolit on the steamer.

(12) 86, Diamond Harbour Road.—He said Atul Chandra Das lives here. He is a member of the Bhowanipore branch. I had often brought cartridges from him. The police were not with us then.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) N. SEN.
1-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
1-4-10.

RECALLED ON 4TH APRIL 1910.

ON 12th November I made a verification of Old Ballyganj when Lolit took me to the garden-house of Indra Nandi. The *mali* said the garden belonged to the *Pultan* Doctor Sahib (*i.e.*, Colonel Nandi). The *mali's* name is Doy Tary, son of Kinu, of mauza Amyapara, thana Kentrapura, district Cuttack. He said the *Pultan* Doctor lived in College Street near the Medical College Hospital. In the garden—it was fairly big—was a small one-storied house. Lolit seemed to know the ins and outs of the garden thoroughly well,

judging by the readiness he took me all over it. He pointed to the tank, and said they (he and his friends) practised target-shooting here by aiming from the house terrace at earthen pitchers and pieces of cork floating in the tank The tank was not more than 25 to 30 feet off the terrace. He drew aside the curtain of the window of the house from the verandah and showed me the inside of the room. He said weapons and ammunition were kept inside that room. The keys were not there, and I could not go inside. The window had iron gratings. I also went on the terrace. By the terrace I mean the roof. The *mali* said he had been there only ten months. He said several of these young Babus came, but he could not say if this Lalit had been there. Lalit showed a place in the wall over which they scaled if the *mali* had locked the gate. The *mali* at first called the Doctor a Doctor Babu, and when I asked what sort of Doctor, he said a *Pultan* Doctor Sahib. The place is in Old Ballyganj 1st Lane. I did not find its number.

On 13th November Lolit took me to Nur Muhammad Khan's gun-shop in Kalighat Bridge Road, west to the *mela* in Chetla. I saw his name on the signboard. The house was a tin-roofed shed. The place was closed. It was 11 or 11-30 P.M. I don't remember if anything except "Nur Khan" was written on the signboard. He also took me to No. 6, Mohes Chandra Dutt's Lane, and said it belonged to Charu Chandra Ghose. This was beyond Chetla, probably Mayerpur. It was a one-storied chunam-washed house.

He pointed out a big tree on the side of a tank in the Alipore Police Infantry Lines opposite to the entrance of the Agri-Horticultural Society's gardens. He said he met Havildar Surjya Singh of the 10th Regiment there. He took me to No. 21, Garbari Road, opposite the entrance of Nazi Muhammad Ghat Manji's Lane in Kidderpur and stated Hari Mohan used to live there. He was a friend of Suresh Mitter, and Suresh used to give him revolvers and ammunition to keep.

He showed me a two-storied house, No. 31, in Nazi Muhammad Ghat Manji's Lane near a water hydrant. He said some one who lived there, whose name he did not know, used to bring ammunition to Sarat Mitter, and he was a native of Baikantapur near Sonarpore, the home of Suresh Mitter.

He showed me No. 21 of the same lane, a partly one-storied house close to a gas lamp. He said it was the house of Rakhal Chandra Das, who used to visit Sarat Mittra's house, and he taught Lolit, Naren Chatterji, and Suresh Mitra the formula of making coins, and that Bonomali Karmakar knew all about this, as he made the brass moulds required for the purpose. He took me to an *arat* belonging to Harinath Chaudhuri or Dutt, whose house is at Maida, Joynagore. He said Naren Chatterji had in his presence initiated Hari Nath, and that Hari knew about the Netra dacoity. Money used often to be deposited with him. This *arat* was the last but one godown on the east along the bank of Tolly's Nulla, and just beyond the Orphangunge Market Superintendent's house.

On 15th November he showed me on that night about 37 houses in Calcutta in various place—

(1) House between No. 15-1 and one side of the City College.—It was two-storied. He said Norendra Nath Bose stayed in it. It was in a lane leading south from Mirzapore Street, by the side of No. 14.

(2) The *Chatra Bhandar*, east of the house of Babu Kristo Kumar Mitra in College Square, East.—I knew Babu Kristo Kumar Mitra's house from before. He said he had brought things from here before starting to Darjeeling.

(3) 46, Mechua Bazar Street—He said one Hem Chandra Sen lived there, and on one occasion he had taken to him there a revolver and 50 cartridges.

(4) 31, Sitaram Ghose's Street.—A two-storeyed house in a side lane close to the Mechua Bazar end of the street. He said it was Hari Das Chakravarti's house, nephew of Munsif Abinash Chakravarti.

(5) 121, Northern Circular Road.—House at the junction of Circular Road and Akhoy Kumar Bose's Lane. He said Kissori Babu, vakil, lived there and said he stayed there a bit, as a warrant had been issued against him on his way to Krishnagar. He said Poran stayed there too. One man with me asked the durwan the name of the vakil, but he abused me.

(6) 10-1, Musalmanpara Lane.—A three-storied house. He said Rajshahi and Nattore members used to stay here. He had, he said, after warrant was issued, stayed here before he went to Beliaghata.

(7) 75, Pataldanga Lane.—A two-storeyed big house at the end of a short passage. Satis Chandra Sadhu Khan, he said, of Nattore, against whom there is a warrant in the Maniktolla bomb case, used to live. Sachindra Nath, brother of Phanindra, and Phanindra Mittra of the *Jugantar* used also to stay there. He said he came as Sachin's guest one day there before going to the Great Eastern Hotel after his return from Nattore.

(8) 141, Dharamtola Street.—He said Lolit Mohan Palit stayed here. It was one of a range of yellow houses standing in one line.

(9) 12, Wellington Lane, of Creek Row.—A house with a gate with creepers. He said it was the residence of Raghunath Banerji, head of our Benares Branch Society.

(10) 37-1, Wellington Square—the Netley Pharmacy—a two-storeyed house.—A wine merchant occupies part of it. He said a doctor, a member of our society, lived there,

(11) 32-5, Mullanga Lane; the door was in a bye-lane going to the left.—It is a red unplastered house. He said it was ostensibly a musical concert party rendezvous, but really the *Attyanati Samiti* met here.

(14) 44-1, Mullanga Lane, a two-storied house with stable underneath.—He said Asesh Kumar Banerji stayed here He was a member.

(15) 12, Sakaripara Lane, off Bow Bazar.—Bepin (Banerji or Mukerji), who was concerned in the Jamalpore riot, stayed here.

(16) 28, Modon Boral's Lane, a two storied house.—He said Durga Charan (Chakravarti or Banerji), a member of the *Attyanati Samiti*, stayed there.

(17) 27, Modon Boral's Lane—Satish Mukerji, member of the same *Samiti*, lived here, he said.

(18) 10, Srinath Das's Lane.—He said private meetings were held on the roof of that house. The house has a *gari* verandah.

(19) A two-storied house, off Sonaton Pal's Lane, and beyond Biswanath Moti Lal's Lane.—It is 15-1, Gobinda Sirkar's Lane. He said Probash De, M A., the head of the *Attyanati Samiti*, lived here.

(20) 134, Frodyce's Lane, off Bow Bazar.—He said, Purna Chakravarti, nephew of the Munsif Abinash, stayed here.

(21) 148, Amherst Street, a red three-storied house.—He said Moni Brahmin, of the *Attyanati Samiti*, stayed here.

(22) 1, Nitai Babu's Lane, off Dufferin Zenana Hospital—It is a little *bustee*, including a yard, on the south of which Harish Chandra Sikdar's house is situated.

(23) He showed a thatched ice-shop of Harish's opposite the painted signboard of the Dufferin Hospital in Amherst Street.

(24) 45, Chunapukur Lane.—Kali Rai lived here. He belonged to *Attyanati Samiti*.

(25) Then next to No. 6, Eden Hospital Lane.—It had no number on it; it opens into a bye-lane. He said Pabitra Dutt, Manager of the *Chatra Bhandar*, lived here in his uncle's house. The lower storey windows were covered with pieces of corrugated iron.

(26) 10, Protap Chatterji's Lane.—A Hindu hotel. He said the members of Mozilpore and *Chatra Bhandar* branches used to meet here.

(27) A house between No. 15-1 and City College.—It is a two storied house. He said Narendra Nath Bose lived here.

(28) House of Babu Kristo Kumar Mittra, in College Square, East.—I knew that house. He said Sukumar Mittra, a member of the Grey Street branch, son of Kristo Kumar, lived there.

(29) 15, Bhowani Charan Dutt's Lane.—He pointed it out as the place where the *Chatra Bhandar Jugantar* mess was at first, and that he stayed here at first. It is a long house, with two or three municipal street numbers. The entrance is in a side lane to the east.

(30) 52, Meobua Bazar Street, off Raja Digambar Mittra's Lane.—The front portion of the house is one-storied. He said Probash De lived there. He said he selected members for our society.

(31) 3-1, Raja's Lane, where, he said, Taranath Rai Chaudhury lived. It is in the lane. I found the number, and so I did not note more of it.

(32) House, east of 16, Jhamapukur Lane.—He said Gonesh Das, of Midnapore, used to leave here. Gonesh had stayed at Indra's house with him. The house is opposite a tin-roofed house.

(33) 21, Jhamapukur.—He said a man lived here who came from East Bengal, and used to purchase No. 9 rifle cartridges from Indra Nandi. Lolit said he had often taken them to him from Indra Nandi's.

(34) 106-1, Amherst Street.—A two-storied house, with a post-office wooden chest in front of the house, with "No. 40, Harrison Road Post-office" painted on the chest. He said a boy engaged in the Morehal dacoity, who was a student of the City College and who had small-pox marks on his face, lived here. He was a tall boy, and Lolit said he had initiated him in the Botanical Gardens.

(35) 17, Beohu Chatterji's Street.—A two-storied house. He said Birendra Nath Ghose, of the Kidderpore branch, lived here. He purchased revolvers and cartridges from Indra.

(36) A two-storied house under repair, opposite to a thatched house with *pucca* walls, in Muktaram Babu's Street, west of Tanthania Kali's temple. He said Mohini Deb lived here. He belonged to the Maniktola garden party, and is now of the Kidderpore. Lolit said he had often kept revolvers and cartridges with him.

(37) 77-1 in a side lane, on the entrance of which the name of Kabiraj Khirode Ch. Sen is painted on a wooden wall. He said Jitendra Nath Rai and Suren Ghose lived here. They belong to the Kidderpore party.

(38) 32, Sukea's Street.—Narain De, M.A., who was the leader of the Khanakul-Kristanagore branch, used, he said, to live here.

(39) 74, Sukea's Street.—He said here we had a library called the *Jubak Sanmilani*, and its founders, Probash Chandra Mittra and Prosanto Kumar Mittra, lived here.

(40) 143, Cornwallis Street.- He said this was the tea-shop which the Grey Street party frequent, and that he had often had tea here, and met here Srish Chakravarti and Keshab De and others. This is opposite the Star Theatre

(41) 2, Ramdhon Mitter's Lane.—Sushil Kumar Bose, son of a pleader of the High Court and the leader of the Grey Street party, he said, lived here with his family. Sarti Ghose, against whom there is a warrant out in the Maniktola bomb case, stayed here under the name of Phanindra Nath Mitter.

On 17th November he showed me the Great Eastern Hindu Hotel situated by the Mirzapore and Harrison Road crossing, and said he had stayed there under the name of Lal Mohon Chaudhuri with Radha Charan before going to Darjeeling. He said he was there five days. There Amaresh Kanjilal and Rabindra Nath Deb Rai visited him. The people who stayed in the same room with him knew this. He took me that day to Santragachi village, on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, by a path leading to right from the railway level-crossing northward. He showed me a homestead with scrub jungle to the right, and a brick wall enclosing the inner portion of the house. He said this was the residence of one of the men in the Netra dacoity. The house is just beyond the *pucca* one-storied red house, which I ascertained myself belonged to Nanda Lal Banerji. Abhoypoda Das, son of Mohendra Das, who lived near and was passing by, told me Harendra K. De owned the house Lolit had shown me; and he said Harendra's younger brother had either been arrested or run away. He said Kali, who had a shop in Kadamtola, had his house here, but he did not know where it was. He pointed out a man who was coming up there as having participated in the Netra dacoity. I went up towards him, and he went away. I did not arrest him. I did not find his name.

We then went to Kadamtola, Howrah, and he showed me a shop opposite the homœopathic dispensary to the left of Bantra police-station as belonging to Kali, of Santragachi, and that matches, stationery and tobacco were sold here. I found it closed. It is next to the shop of Behari Lal Bhattacharji, astrologer. He said it was at this shop he and others stayed on return from near Kolachera.

On 19th November Lolit took me to Sibpur. I asked him on the 17th to take me there again to show me a tank. He asked me if the tank had been dewatered, which he had pointed out as where the watch had been thrown. We went to the bazar and directed the *gari* to go along Dharmatola Lane. He pointed out the same tank as before. Then we went to the Botanical Gardens, where he took me to a tank in the north-east of the garden beyond the Howrah gate, and, pointing to two benches under a clump of trees, he said, Bhuban had initiated there Sirish Ch. Sirkar in the presence of himself, Madaru and Bistupada. The trees were *Ficus nitida* (Java), as noted on the label. The benches were under a *Ficus mysoricusis* west of the Howrah gate. He took me to four benches on a mound near the Wallich monument, and pointed it out as the place where he, Noni Gopal, and Bhuban and others had initiated people. He named, as being initiated there by himself, Kumar Kristo Bose, of Karenjali, a *chogra* of Badurbagan, whose name he did not know, but whose house he had shown me, Amaresh Sirkar and Jotindra N. De, of Barrackpore, and Amaresh Kanjilal.

On 24th November he took me to Krishtnagore beyond Khanakul police-station, District Hooghly. He showed me a smith's shop consisting of some huts just east of a tin-roofed *atchala*. I found from people there the shop belonged to one Gour. Lolit said the front hut was not in existence when he came before; the back hut was the shop then. He said the Kamar had prepared swords and spears for us, and had said he was ready to make guns. I did not see Gour. No one admitted he was Gour. The shop was open; two or three smiths were working.

He took me to the tin-roofed *atchala* in front of the temple. It was here he said that the exhibition was held, and a conference was held in the maidan round it. Kishori Babu, Professor of the National College, and Narain Das Babu, whose house I had been shown in Sukea Street, had asked Indra Nandi to send two men to make a display with *lathi*, sword and dagger at the conference. Indra sent Nani Brahmin and me and Behari Rai, of Nandanpur, with *swadeshi* articles from the *Chatra Bhandar*. He also gave us a magic lantern. None whom I asked could recognise Lolit. He showed me a small field in front of the house of the late Harish Bhattacharji, which is west of a red one-storied house. He said here we gave our *lathi*, sword and dagger display. He said he had stayed there in Harish Brahmin's house in the night when he went to the *méla* there. He also showed me Bepin's house, some little way off, where he said they stayed the rest of the time of the exhibition. I found Bepin's real name was Bepin Ghose, and not Bepin Pal as Lolit had called him. Bepin was not there when I was there; he lives at times at Calcutta. He took me to Nandanpur at his wish. I asked him to go there when we were at your inspection bungalow. We met there the next day. He took me to a red one-storied house, with a thatched top on the *sadar* door, in the Brahmin quarter of the village. It is just beyond a tank. He said it was the house of Behari Lal Rai. On enquiring from neighbours I found the house belonged to Kedar Nath Rai, at present living at Ramkistopur, Howrah, Manager for Adhar Babu. While I was making these

enquiries, a sallow-faced, nervous-looking youth looked out of the window and held up his hand open with palm towards us. Lolit could see him. The man could, I think, be able to see me. I told him to come out. I asked if Behari Lal Rai lived there. He said there was none such in the house or in the whole village. The neighbours said there was no Behari Lal Rai. I asked the boy his name, and he said it was Lal Behari Rai; and he said he was son of Kedar Nath Rai. Lolit identified the boy as Behari Lal Rai, of Nandanpore, as mentioned in his confession. Lolit went about the village as if he had been there before. After return to the bungalow, Lolit said he had stayed with this youth in Indra Nandi's house, and that his name is in the book of the *Chatra Bhandar*, and he also stayed at 15, Bhowani Charan Dutt's Lane. He had also gone with me and Haren to Benares the day Indra's hand was injured. Lolit said he knew Nandanpur from before, as he had been sent there with Behari and Kali Rai to collect men with a magic lantern, and he had stayed there one night in *Mag or Fulgoon* 1906, six days after the *Saraswati puja*.

On 27th I went with Lolit at his request to Barrackpore. He showed me a two-storied house opposite the house of Mr. Surendra Nath Banerji, and said it was Kumaresh Sirkar's house. On enquiring from local people, one being Chinta *mali* of Mr. S N. Banerji, I elicited the fact that Naresh Chandra Sirkar, employed at the Ichapore Gun Powder Factory, owned the house and Kumaresh lives in the house, being Naresh's younger brother. Lolit particularly pointed out the room on the right-hand side of the passage leading into the house as the place where he had sat down and packed a roll of bedding containing a sword. He took me down to the ferry ghât where he had crossed to Sheoraphuli. It is close to the house. He then took me to Sheoraphuli station across the river, and said Jotin and he had taken train to Howrah from Sheoraphuli. He showed me the waiting room at Sheoraphuli, saying there we took refreshment, and left Sheoraphuli about 10-30 P.M. The same day he took me to Durga Charan Mukerji's Lane, Calcutta. He took me up a bye-lane branching off north from Grey Street, called Durga Charan Mukherji's Lane. He pointed out a house as being that of Jyotish Mukherji, a small one-storied house opposite No. 1 of the lane. There was no number on the house. He said Jyotish was a member of the Murshidabad branch of our Sibpur society. He had taken from him revolvers and cartridges. The last time I gave him a revolver, it was brought by Charu Ghose from the shop of the Musalman at Chetla, that has been shown to the Magistrate. Charu said that the revolver belonged to Mr. Beachcroft. Lolit said he sold the revolver to Jyotish for Rs. 60. He then showed me the *pân*-shop on the edge of the verandah of the two-storied house at the corner of Nebutolla Lane and St James' Square, North, and said that in front of it he met Hem Sen and Narendra Nath Bose in the matter of Nanda Lal Banerji's murder, and that five minutes after he saw Bhusan Chandra Mitra come by the side of Nera Girja Bazar and join them. He showed me that market.

He then showed me No. 66, Nebutolla Lane, which has a stone slab with the inscription "Calcutta High School," which I saw, and he told me he used to stay there about that time, and said he came to that house after he had been told to go away from the bazar. He then showed me a crossing close to a *mochi's* shop opposite No. 3, Serpentine Lane, and said this was where he saw the body of the murdered man surrounded by a crowd. He also showed me No. 25, Serpentine Lane, saying that Nanda Lal Babu lived there. He could not exactly, he said, point it out. He was not quite clear which was the house. He thought the one he showed was the right house, as Nani Gopal Babu had asked him to watch it for two days, and in that time he passed and repassed it four or five times only, and had only seen Nanda sitting in the *baitakkhana*, he thought, the day he was murdered.

He took me then to the Royal Insurance Office. He showed me the clerk's tiffin room in the third storey, and the place where Charu Ghose sat and worked in the office. He told me that in that tiffin room Charu had given him revolvers and cartridges, and that he had taken them then to Hem Sen at 46, Mechua Bazar Street.

On the 1st December Lolit took me to Kristonagar. I had received orders that, if Lolit was willing to make an honest identification, then I should go with him to Kristonagar. So he agreed, and we went. When waiting at Ranaghat station for the Kristonagar train, Lolit pointed out to me a thick-set man of medium size as Norendra Nath Bose, of No. 15, Mirzapore, who had been concerned in the Netra dacoity and the murder of Nanda Lal, and who had stayed at Benares with him. I noticed the man was looking hard at us in the waiting-room. The door was open. I did not try to arrest him. We reached Kristnagore about 10 A.M. He showed me the house of Babu Lalit Kumar Chatterji, pleader, in High Street, Kristonagar, as the place where he stayed as Kuru or Karu Dada's guest. Saroj Kumar Banerji, an inmate of the house, who is Lalit Babu's nephew, told me that Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar *alias* Karu is muharrir of Babu L. K. Chatterji. Karu was away, having gone home, he said to Kushtia. He showed me a yellow-coloured one-storied house beyond three houses from Lalit Chatterji's house, and said it belonged to the Bholadanga zamindar. Saroj Banerji told me, too, that it was the Bholadanga zamindar's house. The house was shut up. He then led me to the Arya Chemical Factory in the Katalpukur quarter. The place was found closed, with shutters down. People said it was closed for five or six days. It looked like a small aerated-water shop. Lolit said further that the inmates of the house of Lalit Chatterji did not know he stayed there that night; and after that Karu took him to stay at the Chemical Factory; and after

five days he went on to the house of the Bholadanga zamindar, whose younger son is a member of our society. While at the Chemical Factory, Jotish, probably Mitra, Haran of Sibpur—a Mukherji or Banerji, and this Karu or Kuru, by caste a Brahmin—all these being employés at the house, and the younger son of the Bholadanga zamindar and five or seven others, whom he said he could recognise, used to go daily to the Chemical Factory.

We went to the jail, and there Lolit identified certain people. He walked down a line of 14 people. The five under-trial prisoners in the Haludbari case—Gonesh Das, Upendra Deb, Atul Mukherji, Kiron Rai and Sailen Chatterji—were made to stand in a row, with other prisoners nearly of similar appearance and build being mixed up with them. They took off their ordinary clothes and put on other clothes. Lolit was then outside the jail, and I went in and made these arrangements. Some of the other 11 put on these five men's clothes. Lolit was brought in, and no police was present. He identified Gones Das as having stayed with him at Indra Nandi's, and said that he had seen him come and go with many revolvers and cartridges; and that, when he was at Sarat Mitra's, he took from him (Lolit) some revolvers and some ·450 and ·380 cartridges. He picked out another man. He said he was the brother of the man whose house he had shown me at Santragachi; and he said he had stayed one day in his house, and that he was one of the men who went to the dacoities at Netra, Musarpur, and near Moshat. The man so identified gave his name as Upen Deb, of Jaugacha I asked the Jailor, and he said that that was his name. He picked out another man and said he was one of the Jaugacha people who had been, too, to the Netra dacoity, and arranged the Musarpur dacoity, and had come to that *maidan* near Moshat. This man give his name as Atul Mukherji, of Khurut, Howrah. The Jailor confirmed this. He also picked out another man, saying he had seen him on many occasions, but did not know his name. He said he has been to Moshat to the place under the tree from which we returned, and he had seen him many times coming and going at Nani Gopal Babu's place. This man gave his name as Kiron Rai, of Chetla. He identified only these four.

On our way back from the jail, Lolit pointed from the *gari* a man who was walking towards the late Mr. Monmohan Ghose's house as Haren, the man who had been mentioned in connection with the Arya Chemical Factory. I asked him who he was: he said he was Haradhan Banerji, of Sibpur, Howrah, and he was here as Sessions Clerk. He denied having met Lolit Mohon Chakravarti previous to this occasion. Next morning I left with Lolit for Chuadanga.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
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Read over by witness and admitted correct.

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N. S. Sen, recalled on the 8th April, on solemn affirmation.

At Chuadanga I arrived in the forenoon of 2nd December. There I held an identification in the jail of some other accused implicated in the Haludbari case. I was told by the jail people of Kristonagar that some of the prisoners in that case had been transferred to Chuadanga Sub-Jail. In the identification these five suspects—Sarat Paramanik, Sushil Biswas, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Ahindra Nath Ghosh and Sarat Chandra De—were mixed up with 16 other outsiders, young men of as nearly possible similar appearance and clothes. They were formed into a line in the jail yard. Lolit was kept outside all this time. The young men were collected by a clerk of the Subdivisional Officer. I made Lolit walk along the row and pick out the men. He picked out Sarat Paramanik, Bidhu Biswas and Susil Biswas—all of Beliasishi. This was done in the presence of Nibaran Chandra Ukil, Civil Hospital Assistant and Deputy Superintendent of the Jail, and Munshi Zahiruddin Biswas, Nazir of the Subdivisional Officer's Court, Chuadanga. Lolit only said he knew these people. He said he had met them at Beliasishi, and that they were his associates there. He did not then say anything more as to their connection with any society. We went on to Mirpur railway station on the Damukdia Branch, E. B. S. Railway. He took me to the village of Beliasishi, about 4 miles from Mirpur. Lolit showed me the way. He took me to the house of the late Gobinda Biswas and of Mathur Biswas, a joint-family house. He pointed it out as the house in which, after the warrant was issued against him, he had stayed for more than three days. I saw there one Jogendra Biswas, son of Gobinda Biswas. He identified Lolit as Lal Mohan, who had stayed there—he could not quite remember when. Govinda Sirkar, son of Ramendra Sirkar, a boy, neighbour of Gobinda and Mothur, recognised Lolit as one who had come and stayed in Gobinda Biswas' place. Lolit showed me an open field, where, he said, they had gone in for sword and revolver practice. By "they" I mean Bidhu Biswas and some other boys. Besides, he said, they had brought over some ponies from the village of Chitli, and gone in for riding in this field. I learnt from enquiries that Bidhu was a boy residing in this house, either a son or a nephew.

Then Lolit took me to the house of Bepin Pal. Bepin denied having missed any *musur* from his *golas*. On being asked by Lolit, Bepin said there was *musur* in the north-east part of his *golas* in *Jaista*, which was the month Lolit had stated was the month when *musur* had been stolen. He then took me to another house, saying this was the place where another Purna Biswas lives. He said Bidhu had told him that this Purna Biswas had been initiated by Sirish Sirkar. This house was at the back of Gobinda and Mothur's house. I think Peari Lal Biswas was the name of the man living in the house. From enquiries I came to know that there was no one of the name of Purna Biswas living in the house.

On 6th December Lolit took me to Kalikapore, off Chingripota railway station. We had returned to Calcutta from Beliaghati, reaching Calcutta on the morning of the 3rd. Kalikapore is on the Port Canning branch line. He took me to the temple of Kali there, and pointed out a hut to me, saying he had given an exhibition with his magic lantern there. He showed me a yellow-coloured one-storied house on the bank of the big tank left of the temple. He said they had run out of carbide during the exhibition, and the nephew of the owner of this house (Baroda Babu) he thought had supplied them with some carbide. Then he showed me the temple of goddess *Annapurna*. He showed me the road to the left of the passage leading into the inner courtyard, and said he and his fellows with the magic lantern had sat in this room, and there Baidyanath Banerji had initiated five or six persons. He pointed out a young man bathing in the tank attached to the temple, saying he was Satish Chandra Mukherji, at whose house the magic lantern show party had stayed, and that he (Lolit) had stayed with him at Indra Nandi's house for a day or two.

He then took me to Satish Mukherji's house. I found out the house belonged to Satish Mukherji. Satis, on being asked, said he had seen Lolit previously at the Kali's temple in this village one and-a-half or two years before on the occasion of the magic-lantern show, or "*khela*." He did not know Lolit's name. We returned to Calcutta that day.

On 7th December Lolit took me to Mushat *vid* the Howrah line from Telkul Ghât. He showed me a big banian tree. At Telkul Ghât he said, he, Bhutan, Bhusan, Suresh, Madaru, three men of Santragachi, two men of Jangacha, and others took train from there to Mushât. On getting down at Mushat, he took me to a big banian tree situated on the bank of a small tank with the huts of the Munshi Sheik and late Inab Ali Sheik on either side of the tree. This was in the village of Chenchi, on the west of the line. He said we all sat there, and when the dacoity did not take place, he and Madaru took train at Chanditola station. Chanditola is two or three stations away. We returned to Calcutta on the 9th, and left for Diamond Harbour in the *Nancy*, reaching there in the evening. Next morning Lolit took me out. We went first to Ujilbari. There he showed me a field with a fringe of *babla* trees round it, 50 steps from the junction of two *khals* in this village. He said this was the place where the stock-taking of the Netra dacoity loot was done, at 1-30 A.M., in the night, and from where the Mozilpur men, Tinkori, Rajani, and five or six others, whose names he did not know, went away south towards their village.

Then he showed me a railway bridge about 1 mile from Deula station towards Diamond Harbour, the Netra end of it, where he said he had waited for taking over to the place of bivouac the men who got down at Netra.

Then he took me to the south-west part of a rice field belonging to Ramtaran Ghose, of Netra, in the *Purba mat*. It is 67 steps from, and is the third plot counting from Sham Ghose of Netra's narrow strip of land to the north. It is 46 steps west of its opposite point situated on the bank of Bose's *khal*. I mean, it was 46 steps due east of the Bose's *khal*. There is a long row of *babla* trees, extending north to south, passing just west of the place of meeting He showed me the place of meeting, and said they waited there before they went out to Ramtaran Mitra's house. He talked about meals there. Then he took me to Ramtaran Mitra's house. He first showed me the outfall of the house drain north-east of the house by the side of the *kirki* wall, saying there he had hid himself on the night of the dacoity. He then showed me the *kirki* door, where, he said Sailen Das and the Santragachi men, whom he had identified to me in the Kristnagore Jail, had mounted guard with one revolver, and said Suresh Mitter passed about with a rifle in hand there. He then showed me the eastern side of the house-wall, saying Madaru and Bistupada had scaled over it. He said at the time of the dacoity the wall here was much lower and had a rice *gola* just underneath. Kristo N. Mitra, who lived there, was standing by, and he said the wall was much lower then, and confirmed what he said about the rice *gola*.

He then took me to Borya, to Mongal Chandi's temple, where he said he had gone with Suresh Mitra to see what ornaments the idol had, for the purpose of committing dacoity.

Then we returned to Diamond Harbour. On the 11th we went out again.

[*Corrects*:]—There was another place he took me to on the 10th. He took me to Dearak and showed me a ghât south of Nimai and Bhuta Pal's house as the place where he and others had practised target-shooting in Xmas 1908. This ghât is situated on the road to Durgapore, which is on the other side of the *khal*. He showed me a mound of earth at the ghât which, he said, had served as their butts. He also said they shot at two logs of wood across the *khal*. He showed me where these logs stood. The water-level was higher than that then. I ordered one of my men to feel and try and find these logs. The pole struck against something, which gave the sound of wood when hit. What was hit I could not

get it pulled out, as it was stuck fast Karimuddin, son of Hasi Naskar, of Durgapore, who cultivates near, said he saw five or six Babus shooting there in *Aghran* or *Pous* the year before. Ebraham said so too. He is his brother, and he said there was a log at the spot indicated. He also took me to Kuleswar and led me to a house, and said it belonged to a certain Mitra, who was uncle of Charu Ghose, of Chetla. Lolit said he stayed there in the easternmost hut here, which he showed me, on the occasion they came out to shoot. I found this was the house of Dwarka Nath and the late Taraknath Mitra. Dwarka admitted he was uncle of Charu. He said he did not remember about Lolit Chakravarti being ever a guest there. Lolit showed a young man who was sitting by as the young man who had cooked their food. He too did not recognise Lolit.

On 11th he took me out. From the train he pointed out to me the *khal* between Sangrampore and Deula station, along the west bank of which, he said, Naren Chatterji, Naren Bose, Suresh Mitra, Sailen Das, one man from Santragachi, two Jaugacha men, Madaru, Bistupada, Bhutan, Haridas Chakravarti, and Lolit himself walked up to the bridge on return from the Netra dacoity. The bridge is situated opposite to telegraph 28/2. He said they reached there at 6 A.M.

He showed me the distant signal at Mogra Hat station on the Diamond Harbour side, and a bamboo clump close to it, where they had left the field and came up to the station.

He showed me the eastern end of the cross bridge of the station, and said it was where he and Suresh Mitra met Chuni Nandi and Indu Chakravarti on the occasion when the Netra dacoity had to be given up owing to paucity of men. He showed me a *mudi's* shop east of the goods yard as the place whence he and his associates had bought green *dabs* the morning after the dacoity. He said they bought from a boy sitting just in front of the shop. On our way out of Mozilpur he showed me a stall on the roadside at Dakhin Barasat, where Lolit, Rajendra Chakravarti, and Chuni Nandi had engaged a *tucca ghari* after walking 4 miles from Mozilpur on their way back bringing the loot of the dacoity. The stable belonged to Fatik Modak. Accused said the blue *ghari* of the two there was the one they probably had used. Then we went to Mozilpur village, and he showed me a one-storied house on the side of a tank at Kasipara as the house of Rajani and Indu Kiron. Ram Gopal Chakravarti owns this house, I found by enquiry, and the inmates said Indu and Rajani lived there, but were then in Calcutta. It was Indu's and Rajani's house.

He took me to the garden-house of Bhupen and Haren Dutt in Jugipara, Mozilpur, where is a tank. He said Chuni Lal Nandi took him once for a walk at night, when Lolit went to fetch the Netra things, and had told him that ornaments, boxes, etc., had been kept in this garden and that the police-pattern night lamp had been thrown into the tank here. He took me to a thatched house near a crossing, near Noren and Bhupen Dutt's garden, and said it was Chuni Lal Nandi's house. Judhistir Bairagi, the next-door neighbour, said it was Sadi Telini's house, and Chuni Lal was her son. At the village of Baruipur accused showed me a one-storied red house as being the house of Harendra Pattak, son of late Jadunath Pattak (Sub-Inspector of Police), from whom Lolit had bought a gun. Dinabandhu Pattak was there. He said the house was his and his nephew Harendra's. I went to Baruipur before going to Mozilpur.

From Mozilpur I returned to Mogra Hat railway station, and thence to Diamond Harbour There Lolit took me to a thatched house beyond the *bandh* and close to Hunter Sahib's place. Pointing out the compartment to the left of the present cook room here, Lolit said their food was cooked there when they stayed at Sanyasi Ghose's house on their way out from target practice. This was Sanyasi Ghose's house. A mental of the Public Works Department, named Sheik Hamiruddin, said it was his place. The owner was not in. We returned to the *Nancy*, and on the 12th we stayed in the launch. Lolit's father had an interview with Lolit. On 13th we returned to Calcutta.

On 15th I made further verification in Calcutta and Kidderpore. He showed me No. 1, Corrie's Church Lane. He called it No. 1, Scottish Church Lane He said many members of the Rajshahi party come and stay in this mess, and that, when he came from Nattore to Calcutta, Bijoy of Dighapatia was with him and he stayed here. He showed me No. 11, Guru Prosad Choudhury's Lane, a two-storied small house opposite the "Amulya Niketan" house, and said Hari Charan, of Kalikapore, stayed here. He was a member of their society. It was he who took them to Kalikapore with the magic lantern from Indra Nandi's house. He also showed me the Bengal Stores immediately north of the Oxford Mission House in Cornwallis Street, and said he used to go there to meet Amaresh Kanjilal and, when staying at Indra Nandi's, brought over a revolver, letters, etc., to Satis Bose. This shop, he said, belonged to the *Anusilan Samiti*. He said this *samiti's* men were on the upper storey. He showed me 23, Goabagan Lane, a red two-storied house occupied at this time by Charu Chandra Bose, contractor. He said Sarat Khan used to stay in this house, and Baidyanath Banerji stayed here after Indra Nandi's arrest. Lolit used to visit him there. Neighbours said there used to be a Sarat Khan living here, close to two months ago. He took me to a *chal*, No. 36, Watgunge Road, opposite Watgunge Police head-quarters, and showed me the upper flat as the place of residence of Devendra Nath Sirkar. He said that, on the occasion of his bringing over the sword from Barrackpore, Deven went with them from Kidderpore Bridge, mounting guard, and that he was a member of the *samiti*, and that he used to visit him and go about with him. Neighbours admitted Deven Mazumdar of Burdwan district lived there, but no Deven Sirkar. Deven was not there. He showed

me a baker's shop, 136, Circular Garden Reach Road, and stated that he and Suresh Mitra had bought 21 loaves from this shop at 1 anna each when going to commit the Netra dacoity. He showed me a sweet shop, No. 2, Circular Garden Reach Road, and stated that 5¼ seers of *luchis* and 2½ seers of *alu* curry were taken from it by them on the same occasion.

On every occasion I warned Lolit that any statement he made was to be absolutely voluntary, and I believed they were. I cautioned him on every occasion, and read over to him the notes I took of the places pointed out and statements made, and he admitted them to be correct, and I took his signature on them. I signed them too. I could point out the houses and places about which I got no other information, except Lolit's, as to whether what he said were true or not.

(Sd.) N. SEN. 8-4-10.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL. 8-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Mr. N. Sen, Witness No. 2, on solemn affirmation on 11th July 1910.

I MARKED the places in this map (Exhibit 291) which have been pointed out to me by Lalit Chakravarti during the course of the verification. This note [Exhibit 291 (2)] I prepared, showing the places I have marked.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL. 11-7-10.

(Sd.) N. SEN. 11-7-10.

The deposition of Babu Satipati Ganguli, Prosecution Witness No. 3, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X, of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of April 1910.

My name is Satipati Ganguli. My father's name is Saroda Prosad Ganguli. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalna, police-station Kalna, zilla Burdwan. I reside at present at Fort William, where I am Sub-Deputy Magistrate.

I know witness Lolit Mohon Chakravarti. He is now in my charge since 21st February last. Before that he was in my charge one and-a-half months in December and January. I took over charge of him from Mr. N. Sen under the orders of the District Magistrate, 24-Parganas. He was made over to me for completing the verification which Mr. Sen had begun. I completed it. I made notes of the verification at the time in my own handwriting. Refreshing my memory from these notes, I can say what I did each day. Lolit took me to Benares on the 19th December, reaching there on the 19th. He first pointed out to me the house of his brother-in-law Ambica Charan Bhattacharji, where he stayed some time. I made enquiry and found the house did belong to Ambika, and he was still living there. Ambika was not at home. Then he pointed out another house, rented by him when they (three or four associates, Naren Bose, Santi Ghose, and he) lived at Benares. It is situated in Baghara and its number is B $\frac{7}{44}$. The old woman, who was landlady, identified Lolit, and corroborated his statement that he stayed there some time. He next pointed out another house, which was an *akhara* of the *Baistabs*. This is situated in Munshighât Lane, No. D $\frac{19}{9}$. The owner, Lal Mohan Bhattacharji, said a young man, named Shyama Das, lived in that house. Lolit said it was the name of Taranath Rai Chaudhuri when he lived there. From Lolit's and Lal Mohon's description, it appeared Tara was the same as Shyam Das Babaji. He pointed out several houses of members of the gang at Benares :—

(1) House of Tarak Bose, Baghara, B $\frac{7}{35}$.—From enquiry I heard he was not living in the house at this time.

(2) House of Bhusan Bhattacharji, son of Bhutnath Bhattacharji, Baghara, B $\frac{7}{168\text{-}6}$.—From enquiry I learnt it belonged to Bhutnath. Bhutnath was not at home.

(3) House of Haripada De, nephew of Abinash De, Baghara, B $\frac{1}{157}$.—From a wooden placard fixed in the house it appeared it belonged to Abinash De.

(4) House of Atul Chatterji, Baghara, B $\frac{7}{50}$.—Atul, on being called, came out and identified Lolit. He appeared surprised to see him, and was asked the address of Deven Ghose *alias* Taranath Rai Chaudhuri by Lolit, and became suspicious and denied knowing the address. At the same time he went off hurriedly towards the house which Lolit said he had lived in a little before.

(5) House of Deven Bhattacharji, Baghara, B $\frac{8}{106}$.—I saw a man entering the house whom Lolit pointed out as the elder brother of Deven. On questioning a neighbour, I found the information given by Lolit correct.

(6) House B $\frac{4}{34\text{-}35}$.—Lolit said he, Santi and others had removed from the old woman's house, B $\frac{7}{44}$, to this house. Lolit identified the son of the previous owner of the house. He said they left it in fear of arrest.

(7) House of Annoda Bhattacharji, B $\frac{7}{140}$.—I met Annoda, who told us Taranath was still hiding in Benares, staying in the same house as before. I and Lolit had dhotis on, and we had no constables with us, only a plain-clothes man at a distance. When we met Annoda, Lolit asked Annoda where Deven was putting up. He was suspicious at first, and, pointing to me, said he could not give the information. Lolit said I was one of our newly-introduced members, and then Annoda told us the fact that Deven was still living in the same house. Annoda had a *swadeshi* cloth shop—the *Dayamayi Bhandar*—near there.

(8) House of Dr. Benoy Chatterji, B $\frac{8}{1}$, a dispensary called the Chintamoni Pharmacy.—Lolit described Binoy as head of the Benares gang.

(9) House of Suren Chatterji, B $\frac{7}{47}$, belonging to his uncle, Nani Lal Chatterji.—I found by enquiry this was so.

(10) A piece of waste land near 9, and said there was an *akhara* here, where the members had their *lathi*-play and sword-fighting.—I heard from the neighbours that some time before many young men frequented that place for such games.

(11) House No. B-198 at Baghara.—Lolit suspected that Taranath was hiding himself there. Annoda had also mentioned this house. Lolit said he and Suren had rented the house for Taranath about two years before. The landlady of the house, though called, did not appear. A young girl told us from the window that the house was not for hire. All the doors and windows appeared to be securely fastened.

I informed the Superintendent of Police, Benares, of my suspicions, and asked that the house might be searched.

(12) A place where there had been a stationery shop near Dasaswamedh Ghât called *Swadeshi Sammilani*.—I learnt from enquiry there had been such a shop, and it

was run by Naren Bose. It was, I find, the 18th we reached Benares, and this verification was on the 19th.

On 24th December Lolit took me to Lakhibazar at Dacca and pointed out the house of Sarat Gupta, a pleader. Girindra Babu, a Deputy Magistrate, was present with me. From enquiry I found the house really belonged to Sarat Gupta. We also learnt he had several sons. Lolit pointed out from outside the room where he had been taken by Sarat Gupta's son, and which he occupied during his stay at Dacca.

On 5th January 1910, at Rampur Boalia, Lolit took me to a house belonging to the Rai Bahadur of Kasimpore, and pointed it out as the house he had put up in when he came there from Nattore. Lolit said here he initiated five members and made some cartridges and five revolvers over to Bijoy Chakravarti. He said some students of the Survey School used to live there. From enquiry I learnt that a part of the house used to be rented previously to some boys, of whom some were students of the Rajshahi Survey School.

On 6th January 1910 Lolit took me to Dighapatia and Natore, and pointed out the following places :—

(1) At Dighapatia, house of Bijoy Chakravarti, and identified Bijoy who was at home.—He was employé of the Dighapatia Estate. The house was searched, but nothing was found.

(2) Office room of Bijoy in the house of the Dighapatia Raja.—The keys of the room were taken charge of by the District Magistrate, Mr. Barnes, as he wanted to search the room. Mr. Barnes was with me then.

(3) House of Mohini Gossain, son of Koilash Gossain.—Mohini was not at home then. His father at first denied, but subsequently admitted Mohini was his son, and said he was at Cossim Bazar, Murshidabad, where he was a clerk under the Maharaja.

(4) Poddar's shop at Dighapatia, where he and Sirish Sirkar through Bejoy Chakravarti had sold some gold stolen from Patna and melted by one Ghetu Kamar.—From enquiry I learnt Jamini Kanta Karmakar was the owner of the shop. Jamini was absent, having gone to his house near Dacca. I searched his account books for the entry mentioned by Lolit, and found an entry on the 4th *Asar* of the purchase of gold worth Rs 450 from Lal Mohan Chaudhuri and Sirish Sirkar through Bijoy Chakravati. It was recorded in the ordinary course of business. I marked the entry and signed it, and the District Magistrate took possession of the book. Jamini had assistants in the shop. From enquiry I came to know the entry was in Jamini's handwriting.

(5) At Natore, the house where the *Sebak Asram* used to be held.—The owner of the house was Ram Protap Behani. He corroborated Lolit's statement that this part of the house was rented by Satis Sirkar and Jiten Bose for a *Sebak Asram*. He said it had been removed to another part of the same house. I saw the present *asram*. It was a medium-sized room.

(6) The Kunjabari at Natore where the *Ruth* festival takes place.—It appeared to be a lonely place. He spoke to an assault on a C. I. D. informer, Satis Chakravarti.

(7) The garden-house of the *Chota taraf* of the Natore Raj family.—Here Lolit said plans were discussed for committing another dacoity after the *Pujas* for raising funds. It was outside the town by itself, with no houses near.

(8) House of Sirish and Suresh Sirkar, showing the dispensary room occupied by him during his stay there, and the room where a photo in a black frame used to be kept —This was of a woman, and Lolit said it had been stolen from Patna and brought by Satis there with other stolen properties. I found the photo missing. I only found the frame. He identified the frame; Sirish was there. He could not explain the blank frame. Sirish and Suresh, his father, both identified Lolit, calling him Lal Mohon Chaudhuri. They said Lolit put up in their house as a casual stranger, but beyond that they knew nothing. Sirish said he had other empty photo frames in his room, but on search none such could be found.

(9) House of Bidhu Sirkar and Satish Sarkar.
(10) House of Jiten Bose, nephew of Dr. Hari Mohon Ghose.
(11) House of Indu Babu, pleader.
(12) House of Satis Sanyal.
(13) House of Ghetu Kamar.
(14) House of Jogin Kabiraj.
(15) House of Promatha Kabiraj

On enquiry I learnt that these houses were really occupied by the men Lolit had mentioned.

He pointed out the dispensary of Hara Kanta Chaudhuri, and said that from his son-in-law Sirish purchased some nitric acid for cleaning swords.

He also pointed out the house of Bhuban Mohon Singha, of Araut, where he was for a time a private tutor. He did not then live there, but on enquiry I learnt that at the time mentioned by Lolit he had lived there.

The house of Ghetu Kamar was just opposite Sirish Sarkar's house. He pointed out the "Kalika" Press where Basanta, the printer, lived. He said Basanta had agreed to print the *Jugantar* for the secret society, but the plan was not carried out, as the money was spent on arms, etc., for dacoities.

When I was at Benares, Lolit pointed out to me Atul Chatterji. Atul then admitted to me that he had been at Natore looking after the *Sebak Asram*, and had recently come to Benares.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

8-4-10.

(Sd.) SATI PROSAD GANGULI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

AT HOWRAH SUB-JAIL.

Sati Prosad Ganguli, on solemn affirmation, on 9th April 1910.

ON 2nd January I held an identification of Soilen Das at the Kristanagore Jail. Lolit identified him. Soilen was mixed up with four other persons, all of the same size and dressed as much alike as possible and all were barefooted. Lolit was kept in a separate room, and was brought out when arrangements were ready. On the same day Lolit identified Monmatha Biswas. He could not identify Naren Biswas. The identification was made out of them and three under-trials in the same way. On the 3rd January, at the Alipur Central Jail, Lolit identified Bhusan Mitra and Tinkori Das. They were brought out in two different batches. Seven men in the first batch and eight in the second. These men were all uniformly dressed. Lolit was brought from outside and he identified them at once.

On 7th January, at Kushtia Sub-Jail, Lolit identified Harendra Banerji from among 18 other under-trial prisoners. They were all clad only in a *dhoti*, and Lolit identified them at once.

Lolit, on the 12th January, made certain statements to me after due warning in connection with the 10th Jats. I was satisfied they were made voluntarily, and I signed the certificate. In consequence of his statements, an identification was held at Lieutenant-Colonel Pressy's quarters at Alipur. I and Lolit were kept concealed in a side room of his quarters, and a clerk was there, too, to write down the names of anyone identified. The sepoys paraded in front of the room in squads of 5 to 11 men, and we saw them from a window covered with a screen. Lolit at once pointed out the men he identified, and their names were written by a clerk. He identified nine men—Mehir Chana, *sepahi*, "F" Company; Surjan Singh, *sepahi*, "F" Company—this was the only man whose name was known to Lolit, and he pointed him out as Surjan Singh; Ram Kalu, *sepahi*, "F" Company; Nothu Singh, *sepahi*, "G" Company; Lethram, signaller, "G" Company; an old *sepahi* of "G" Company, name not known to the clerk; Budda, *sepahi* of "B" Company; Chuni, havildar, "C" Company. He pointed him out as the havildar who was head of the *sepahi* members of the society. He had given me a description of him before and, when the man came to the place, Lolit identified him at once, and Aran, *naik* of "C" Company. Lolit took me then to No. 1, Hastings Street, office of Morgan & Co., and pointed out the house where he had given Surjan Singh money. He also pointed out a place at Belvedere where he had thrown a packet of notes and money in front of Surjan Singh at the gate.

On 14th January Lolit identified Indu Kiran Bhattacharji at the Sibpur Engineering College. Indu had to stand with some other students of the same age, uniformly dressed, and Lolit pointed out Indu from a distance of 25 yards.

On 16th January I went with him to Jaynagar thana. Harendra Kumar Chakravarti, Prokash Chandra Bose, Chuni Lal Nandi, Ramapati Bhattacharji, and Romesh Chandra Chakravarti were mixed up with seven or eight others and sat in two rows. Lolit was kept concealed in a room in front of where they were sitting. Lolit only identified Chuni Lal Nandi. He also identified Nirode Kristo Chakravarti and Nani Gopal Bhattacharji, who were not suspects, as having taken part in the Netra dacoity. He did not know their names.

On 15th, at Alipur Central Jail, Lolit identified Rajani Kanta Bhattacharji and Norendra Nath Bose. They were mixed up with eight other under-trials of the same size and dressed uniformly.

On 18th January a second identification was made of the 10th Jats. This was first held at Colonel Pressy's quarters and then at Alipur Central Jail. We were at Colonel Pressy's quarters as before, and the whole regiment paraded in front of us in squads of

10 men. Four men were identified more than once, and they were taken to the Alipur Central Jail. These four, with the nine men identified before who were now already in jail, were mixed up with others of the same regiment for identification. Each of the 13 men stood in a separate squad of about 11 or 12 men, and the identification was made before the Superintendent of the Jail, Colonel Pressy and two other officers. Lolit was brought out from a godown to each squad. He identified Surjan Singh as Surjan Singh and Chuni Havildar as the havildar mentioned in his statements. He also only identified Nothu and Budhu besides out of the first nine he originally identified, and at the Jail he only identified Ramdhan *sepahi* of the four he had identified at the lines that *mor*ning. On the 2nd he took me to Watgunge, in Kidderpore, and showed me a shop where he said some ornaments from the Netra dacoity, which had been melted, had been sold as a bar to a goldsmith. The goldsmith was not there. I could not get his name. That day, in the Alipur Central Jail, Lolit identified, out of 12 men who were brought up, nine men—Sarat Mitra, Hem Chandra Sen, Jogesh Chandra Mitra, Kristodhan *alias* Bhutan Mukerji, Nani Gopal Gupta, Bistupada Chatterji, Bhuban Mohan Mukerji, Suresh Chandra Mitra, and Soumindra Mohan Chakravarti. He could not identify Narendra Nath Bhattacharji, Bhupendra Nath Banerji, and Kalipada Chakravarti (who was here to-day, and whom I knew before as a daftry at Serampore). These men were mixed up with other under-trials in 12 batches and made to dress uniformly, and Lolit was called from outside to identify them.

Lolit took me to Sibpur to show a tank in which he said that a watch and ring and keys had been thrown, and I wanted this tank to be searched. I do not exactly remember the date, but it was the day after the murder of Shams-ul Alam. He pointed out the tank, and said a watch and a key-ring had been thrown separately into the tank The keys were thrown in, too, separately from the ring. This tank I know. It is, I think near Nani Gopal's house.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

9-4-10.

(Sd.) SATI PROSAD GANGULI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Babu Sati Prasad Ganguli, Prosecution Witness No. 3, recalled on 25th April 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I RECORDED the confession of Manmatha Nath Chaudhuri on 5th December 1908. I satisfied myself that it was made voluntarily. I gave the usual certificate. This is the confession (Exhibit 24). I am the Sub-Deputy Magistrate of Serampore.

(Sd.) SATI PROSAD GANGULI.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

26-4-10.

Sati Prosad Ganguli, Prosecution Witness No. 3, recalled on 31st May 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I RECEIVED order from the Magistrate to go to Rajshahi with Lolit Mohon Chakravarti. I made a report on my return. I left with him on 15th May 1910 from Calcutta, and reached Nattore about 12 P.M., at night. Next day I held a verification about the body of one Keshab De. Mr. Scott, Subdivisional Officer of Nattore, was with me, going with me to Kunjabari at Nattore. There Lolit pointed out a place under a post. It was searched to find out the dead body of the man, but nothing was found there. Lolit then took me to a place two or three miles off and pointed out a place under a tree near the bank of the Godai river. I had it dug to six feet all round the tree, but nothing was found. None could give any information as to a skull having been found.

Lolit in Nattore pointed out the blacksmith shop of Ghetu Kamar. Ghetu was not there then. At the station at 3 or 4 P.M., when I was starting back, a man was brought to the station and Lolit identified him to me as Ghetu Kamar.

I also received order to verify the statement of Jotin Hazra. I prepared a report of my verification (refreshes his memory from it).

On 19th May I went with him from the Alipur new Central Jail. I asked him if he was willing of his own free will to point out everything, and he said he was. That day we reached Jungipara, Kristanagar, about 12 noon.

In Krishtanagar he pointed out the house of Harshan Charal, who was not there, but his brother Bhim was there. I found it was Harshan's house He pointed a place half a mile from the railway station on the side of the road to Protapchak under some trees as being a place where he had met people for going to dacoity He took me to Arkuti and showed me a place, surrounded by trees and nothing interior being visible from the pathway, with two tanks near, the one on the north being entirely concealed from the path by trees, as a place of rendezvous.

At Singti he pointed out a place near a bridge as a place where he had met Hari Adhikari. I saw the bridge. The pathway leads from Singti to Ampta railway station On 20th he pointed out at Singti the house of Nityananda Sinha Rai, which I found belonged to Nitya, whose father (Baikunta Doctor) was dead. I heard that Nitya had just been bathing, but I could not find him.

I pointed out a house where the Bandhab Samiti used to be held I could not find that any *samiti* was held there, but I found that the *Saraswati puja* was held there, and young men gathered there for games and sports. At Gar Bhawanipur he pointed out a shop in front of the school where Manmatha, he said, had got the torches on the day proposed for a dacoity at Singti. On enquiry I learnt that Adhar Das was owner at the time alleged and that he was now living at Calcutta The present owner, Bepin Dutt, told me that Kenaram, his nephew, was at the shop serving at the time, but was now in Calcutta, living at 1, Suri's Tank Lane. I heard that Satish Chandra Mukerji used to live in the village and attend the school there, but he lived at Poshpur and is son of Ashutosh Mukerji, gomastha of Suresh Babu, a zamindar and Honorary Magistrate.

Jotin showed me the house of Manmatha Choudhary. I found his brother living there. Jotin showed me a place under a mango tree where they had waited while Manmatha changed his clothes The place is very near Manmatha's house, and there is a tank near it

At Kumarchak Jotin showed me the house of Jamiruddin Mullik as a house in which dacoity was arranged to be committed Nitainandan Singh Rai's house is within half a mile of this house Jamiruddin is a well-to-do man with business and small zamindari. The house is a *pucca* two-storied house, with outer and inner apartments. Jotin showed me where the arrangement was to have guards, etc, and enter the house He took me to Shahanagar (*alias* Joynagar) ghat, as a place where they were to meet for dacoity, and he showed me a boat on the river side as the one in which they sat. When I was there, there was very little water in the river, and it was fordable The pathway along the embankment there runs from Kristanagar to Ampta

On 21st he showed me the house of Bhutnath Sen Gupta, a relative of Nani Gopal. Bhutnath was not there; he had removed to a village called Saori. At Protapchak he showed me the house and shop of Rajani Rakhit and the shed where Rajaram's son was sitting at the time of the dacoity, and where he was seized and bound. He showed the way the dacoits came and went away

He showed me the Upper Primary *Pathsala* in the shop of Rakhal Samanta, where, he said, the villagers collected at the time of the Protapchak dacoity.

At Kurohi he showed me the house of Shibu Hazra, and his own house where his mother and brothers are now living. He also showed me Satya Banerji's with a broken *sadar*. Satya was sitting there, and they admitted knowing one another. He also showed me the house of Hari Adhikari and of Atul Pal. He also showed me the ghat where he had crossed with others to see Rajaram's house before the dacoity. The ferryman Jamiruddin admitted this fact. He showed a date palm tree where the dacoits sat before the Protapchak dacoity, also a field which, he said, had sugarcane at the time The owner admitted he used to grow sugarcane there. He also showed Dasu's *sadar*. He showed, too, a place where, he said, revolvers, etc, had been buried.

He showed me the Muchipara ghat where he had crossed at the time of going to the Morehal dacoity Nani Lal Panja told me that Nirode Mahanta had stopped in his shop for a day or two about two years ago and was ill at the time. He took me to the Ashanda *mati* and showed me a hut where Shibu's revolver fell and was picked up in Nitai's presence. At Shampur he showed me the goldsmith's shop where they had halted on their way back from Deboira. The goldsmith was there, he did not remember the incident At Bhajura he pointed out Rakhal Mandal's house and the *pathsala*, saying he and his companions, when going to Deboira, had drunk water there

On 22nd he took me to Mayerpur and then to Deboira, where he showed me Nirode's brother's shop. At Kristapur he pointed out the house of his maternal uncle. Ramesh Bagdi informed me that he remembered about two years ago Jotin and some other young men taking food at Mayerpur *chati* At Hariharpur he showed me a *masjid* as the place where they had waited when going to the Morehal dacoity. He pointed out all places in connection with the Morehal dacoity.

On 23rd he took me to Chowdhuripara, Sibpur. He gave the direction how to go there We drove there from Calcutta. I did not know the place. He showed me there the house of Bhuban and Kristo Babu. In front of it he showed me the *panchabati* where five trees were enclosed in a ring of mortar and cement, also the two tanks near the house On the way he pointed out the landmarks by which he had described the way there in his statement to Court. He pointed out the house of Nani Gupto at 31, Ram Mohan Mukherji's Lane I found their houses actually belonged to Bhuban and Bhutan and to Nani He showed me 38, Ram Mohan Mukherji's Lane, and said he had been taken there by orders of Nani when he came to throw his father's ashes into the Ganges I learnt that

Hari Mohan Chatterji owned the house. I saw Hari Mohan, and he recalled the incident, though he could not identify Jotin, but he remembered being angry with Bhutan and Bhuban for bringing a man to his house in an impure state. He showed me a timber yard as being Nani Gupta's and where *lathi*-play took place. I learnt Nani's father had a share in the *gola* before.

At 129, Sadhan Kumar Mozumdar's Lane, Sibpur, he pointed out the house as belonging to Bistu Chatterji. I learnt it was the house of Satya Chatterji, father of Bistu.

At Jangacha he pointed out the house of Badal De.

He also pointed out other places in Calcutta. All that he showed me, he pointed without hesitation.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
31-5-10.

(Sd.) SATI PROSAD GANGULI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
31-5-10.

Babu Sati Prasad Ganguli, Witness No. 3, recalled on 11th July 1910 on solemn affirmation.

LOLIT, the approver, is in my charge. I received instruction after the murder of Shamsul Alum, three or four days after it, or anyhow within a week, to show him photographs. These (Exhibits 289 and 290) are they. I showed them to him. He identified one of them (Exhibit 289). He was not very sure of the other (Exhibit 290). He also gave me some information, which I recorded and sent to Mr. Denham. Lolit said he was a member of the gang.

I received this map (Exhibit 288) from the Court for entering the places mentioned by Jotin in his verification. I have entered or underlined the places. Shampur and Kristapur and Mayerpur are outside the map.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) SATI PRASAD GANGULI.

The deposition of Noni Lal Barik, Prosecution Witness No. 5, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Noni Lal Barik. My father's name is Madan Barik. I am by caste Koura. My home is at mauza Ganyagachi, police-station Tollygunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a fisherman and fish-seller.

Ganyagachi is east of Jadabpur, about ½ a mile. The Salt Lakes are at my village. Five or six Bengali Babus used to come there to shoot on *shikar*. They came between *Jaista* and *Aswin*—from *Jaista* 1316 to *Aswin* 1316. They did not do *shikar*, but they made a target of paper and used to shoot at it, and I heard the noise. We were not allowed to go near, but were not nearer than four or three *rasis* from them. If we went near, they shouted *bhago*, and warned us away. I could not identify anyone, if I was shown them, among these Babus. This was at the last *Pujas*. I never spoke to any of them.

There is a *barra thakur* at my house, and one day we saw it was not there. We found afterwards that it had been put on the *bandh* and the Babus had practised shooting at it. I saw they had shot at it, as it had been covered with paper and was broken in pieces with shots. The *thakur* was the one for the *Dhakindhari Puja*, and was made of clay. Hari Hazra's house is near the place where it was put on the *bandh*. I also heard the Babus say something like *Bande Bande Mataram* from a distance. One day there was rain—a great deal of rain—and I saw from a distance that these Babus took shelter in the cowshed (*chala*) of Hari Hazra. I saw the Babus leave after the rain had stopped, about 7 P M. at night.

The Babus met there not less than four times; it may be more. Hari Hazra deals in fish and is a labourer. He had a big pig, which he sold last *Pous*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
15-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Hari Hazra, Prosecution Witness No. 6, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Hari Hazra. My father's name is Chiru Hazra. I am by caste Koura. My home is at mauza Ganyagachi, police-station Tollygunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a day-labourer, cultivator and seller of fish at times. I live close to the Salt Lakes. I know Noni Lal Barik. He lives close to me, about the distance of here to the road (35 yards or so). In *Aswin*, before the *Pujas* last, I saw about six or seven men there. They sat there, and they put some paper on a pole and shot at it. I saw this. I saw them there about three times. I did not see them shoot at anything else. I raised no objections. I go out to work. I do not know if they never went to my place. I have nine cattle. I could not identify any one of the men, if I saw them. I never talked to them. I used to have a pig, but I sold it in *Kartick*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Madan Barik, Prosecution Witness No. 7, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Madan Barik. My father's name is Baikunta Barik. I am by caste Koura. My home is at mauza Ganyagachi, police-station Tollygunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a dealer in fish.

Noni Lal Barik (Witness No. 5) is my son. I live in the Salt Lakes. I sell fish in the Chetla Bazar, going there all the year round. I remember I went there last *Pujas*. There is a *pkari* at Dhakuria. The Jadabpur railway station is half a mile from there. At Dhakuria I saw five or six Babus. They had one gun with them. They said to me as to whether there were any birds at Dhapa. I said there were. I had never seen them, as far as I knew, before. If they were shown me, I could not identify them. They went on towards Dhapa. I never saw them in Chetla Bazar.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Sudash Naskar, Prosecution Witness No. 8, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Sudash Naskar. My father's name is Nolin Naskar, deceased. I am by caste Pode. My home is at mauza Rajapur, police-station Tollygunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I have a *mudi* shop by the side of the railway line going to Diamond Harbour east of the Jadabpur station, about ¾ths of a mile away. My shop is close to the Salt Lakes, two or three *bighas* off them. I remember the last *Pujas*. I saw at times Bengalis and Musalmans going to the Lakes. At the time of the *Pujas* I saw eight or ten Bengalis going there. They had one gun. I saw them going over the *mât*. I cannot say whether I could recognize them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

Sudash Naskar, Prosecution Witness No. 8, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of certain accused.

I can identify none of the persons shown me.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

Read over to witness in presence of some accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Rangin Lal Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 9, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Rangin Lal Ghose. My father's name Taraknath Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Damudar, police-station Phultola, zilla Khulna. I reside at present at Tollygunge, police-station 24-Parganas, and where I am a Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of the thana. I remember the last *Pujas*. Five or six days before the *Pujas* I saw some five or six Bengalis, age varying from 22 to 28, standing together at the junction of Mollahati Road and Russa Road just near my thana. One was purchasing betel from a shop-keeper there. I think the shop-keeper is Fakir Moira. The others were standing close by. One of them had a gun with him. Out of curiosity I asked him if he had a pass. Just then another man standing by his side came forward and showed me a license for the gun. I examined the license, but I do not remember the name. The license and the number on the gun tallied, and I was satisfied. I learned from them that they were men of Chetla, and that they had gone shooting towards the Salt Lakes near Jadabpur, whence they were returning. I could not identify any of them. They wore in *dhotis* and *punjabis*. The man who showed me the license was short in stature, medium complexion, and thin. They were all Bengalis and spoke in Bengali. I spoke in Bengali, and so did they.

(Sd.) R. L. Ghose,

Sub-Inspector, Tollygunge.

15-4-10.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

Read over by witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

The deposition of Prionath Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 10, aged about 52 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Prionath Bose. My father's name is Taraknath Bose, deceased. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chingripota, police-station Sonarpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a muharrir of a vakil at the Alipore Civil Court. I am a daily passenger from Chingripota to Dhakuria, and thence I come to Alipur. When need be, however, I stay the night in Calcutta. I know one Bhusan Mittra *alias* Gule, of Harinavi. He has married in our village the daughter of the late Umesh Chandra Ghose, whose house is opposite my house. There is only a *mát* between the two houses, a distance of two *rasis*. He chiefly stays in the house of his father-in-law, and I have seen him there. I have also seen Naren Bhattacharji there, too, with him. I have also seen Hari Chakravarti, a Brahmin. Soilen Bose I know. He is my co-villager. I have noticed him with Bhusan. Five or six people used to go and see Bhusan at the time of the *swadeshi* agitation about a year ago, but not now. I know Naren, as he lives five or six *rasis* from me in the next village, and I meet him in the train. Hari Chakravarti also lives at Kodalia, where Naren lives. When I saw them, there were four or five of them together. I mean the four people I have named. I believe Naren and Bhusan are in jail. They are not in their village. Gopal De lived in our village and had a garden. He is dead. The garden is attached to the back of his house. I went to the station at Chingripota the morning after the dacoity there. I saw the porter covered with a piece of cloth over him lying down. Naren Bhattacharji was accused in that case, and Soilen Bose was arrested too. I never saw the men I have named collected, except on the road and at Bhusan's father-in-law's house. I heard there was a dacoity at Netra. I saw these men in our village before that dacoity dressed as I am now (ordinarily dressed as a Babu). I told the police that I saw them coming to Umesh Ghose's house. I saw them coming out of his house, dressed some in *chapkans* and pantaloons (of *khaki* colour like the police), and some had *lathis* and some guns, and they went off towards the *mát*. This was about 4 or 4-30 P.M. Next morning they went off in the train, and then they were dressed like *bhadralogs*. I saw two guns and some *lathis*. The *lathis* had swords stuck in them. I saw no pistols, and never told the police I did. I saw only two *lathis*, and both had a *khirij* struck in them. I remember when Bhusan was released on bail in the Netra case. The day after I saw him, Naren, Soilen, Hari and others all collected in front of Umesh's house. They were laughing together. I did not hear what they said. I know Nripen Bose. He cultivates a *sahib's* land at Goohar, near Matla. I never went to Nripen's land.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

Prionath Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 10, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Narendra Bhattacharji and Bhusan Chandra Mitra. I have told about them.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Prionath Bose.

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Haran Ch. Chal, Prosecution Witness No. 11, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Haran Ch. Chal. My father's name is Raj Chandra Chal. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Kodalia, police-station Sonarpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside and where I am a dealer in cloth. I have my shop at Kodalia, in Shaker Bazar. I sell English cloth and hand-made *deshi* cloth, such as is sold in Howrah *hát*.

Naren Bhattacharji lives close to me, and Gule lives five or six *rasis*. Gule is Bhusan. I also know Soilendro Nath Bose of Chingripota, and Soilesh Bose who lives in the same house and is his cousin.

Soilen, Naren Bhattacharji, Gule, and Hari Bhattacharji, of Kodalia, came to my shop and told me to stop selling English cloth. This was in 1907, five or seven days before the *Pujas*. I said I have about 700 rupees worth of English cloth, and if I am not allowed to sell, I shall lose, and my customers only want to buy English cloth. They said, you sell the mill cloth, but not English cloth. Then they put a stamp on each piece of English cloth. The seal they used was of the Chingripota railway station. A *sahib* took one pair of cloths from me with the seal on when there was an enquiry about a theft in the Chingripota railway station. There are some cloths still so stamped in my shop now. I do not know who were the accused in the Chingripota case. I know Naren Bhattacharji was arrested.

I have seen Naren and the others also collected at Naren's house and in the bazar. I have also seen them going over the *mát* together. I have seen 10 or 12 men going singing in the *mát*.

One night I saw Naren with a very big *lathi* coming out of a *bhadralog's* house. I was returning home, having come by the 10-30 P.M. train. This was before the Chingripota dacoity. I have seen these boys always with *lathis*. I have not seen them do *lathi*-play nor wrestle. Nolin Bhattacharji, son of Nibaran, tried to stop me selling cloth on the *Astami* day of the *Pujas*. He caused great loss. He threatened me. He is in the same *dol* as Naren. When they stamped my cloths, a large number of *chogras*, including those I have named, came. Naren threatened me most of them all.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

Haran Chandra Chal, Prosecution Witness No. 11, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Naren Bhattacharji—this man, who is called Gule (Pabitra Dutt). I identify none others. I only know Naren Kumar well.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

(Sd.) Haran Chandra Chal (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Srish Ch. De, Prosecution Witness No. 12, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

Deaf. My name in Srish Ch. De. My father's name is Nobin Ch. De. I am a Brahmo. My home is at mauza Bhowanipur, Calcutta, where I reside, and where I am a clerk of the Accountant-General, Postal and Telegraph Accounts. My son-in-law is Kusum Kumar Roy. He has the Hindu Refreshment Room at the Zoological Gardens. My father's village is Mozilpur. I have known Tinkori Das. I came to know his name when my father-in-law died in 1909 (February). There was difficulty in getting men to cremate him, as he was a Brahmo, and Tinkori Das then offered his services, and they were accepted. So I came to hear of him. Kusum Rai's permanent manager had to leave the Zoological Refreshment Room owing to illness, and he had to get another man. My brother-in-law suggested that Tinkori Das should have the job temporarily. He could not take it up permanently, as he lived in his village where he was occupied in husbandry. Tinkori was employed, so far as I remember, in May 1909. He worked there for nearly a month, and then, I understand, he fell ill and had to go away. He did not return. When going, he came to say goodbye, and I told him that we had a big sale at the *Pujas*, and that if he could come and help us, then we should be thankful to him. He came to help us during the *Pujas*. When first he came, I do not know where he had his food, but my son-in-law asked me to let him come and mess with us, and I had to agree. I heard he used to have his meals before somewhere in Kidderpore. When he was with us at the *Pujas* he was there, but I heard that the people of the house were ill, and so he felt inconvenience about his food. My brother-in-law is Devaprosad Dutt, of Mozilpur, Jaynagar.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

15-4-10.

(Sd.) Srish Chandra De.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P Duval.

15-4-10.

The deposition of Sarashi Kumar Mitter, Prosecution Witness No. 18, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Sarashi Kumar Mitter. My father's name is Kedar Nath Mitter. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Panihati, police-station Khardah, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Sonarpur police-station, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a Head Constable. I received an order from Sub-Inspector Birendra Nath Mukherji to go and arrest Gule *alias* Bhusan Mitter. This was on the 8th November 1909. I went to Harinavi, and there I arrested him about 7 A.M. He was on the road going towards his brother Dijendra Nath Mitter's house. I sent information to my senior Sub-Inspector, Birendra. Bhusan was arrested, as he was concerned in the Netra dacoity case. I kept him in custody and guarded his brother's house. About 12 noon or 12-30 the senior Sub-Inspector came, and he began the search of Dijendra's house. Bhusan used to live there sometimes and sometimes at his brother-in-law's at Chingripota. I helped in the search of Dijen's place only in the presence of respectable witnesses, including Hiralal Ghose, Chunilal Ghose, and Satis Ch. Mallik and some two or three others. The senior Sub-Inspector prepared the search list. The Sub-Inspector took possession of some gold and silver ornaments, and he went to the thana with Bhusan. Bhusan was sent to Alipore.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

15-4-10.

(Sd.) SARASHI KUMAR MITTER,

Head Constable, Sonarpur police-station.

15-4-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Jamini Kanta Das, Prosecution Witness No. 14, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Jamini Kanta Das. My father's name is Baidyanath Das. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Barisal, police-station Gournadi, zilla Backerganj. I reside at present in Calcutta at No. 37, Harrison Road, where I am a manager of a boarding house. The boarding house is called the "Great Eastern Hindu Hotel." Satis Chandra Bose is the proprietor. He belongs to Barisal, village Battajhar. I have been manager four years.

This register, produced, is the register of our temporary boarders for 1908 and 1909. It is kept in the ordinary course of business, and it is in my handwriting. I handed over this book to the police, and they gave me a receipt. This was on the 2nd March 1910.

I was away from Calcutta in August 1909. Hari Narain Bose then worked in my place, and he kept the books and he made all the entries of that month. I know his writing.

There is a permanent register for those who stay regularly at the hotel, but in the temporary register is entered those who only stay a week, or two or three days. Payments by temporary residents have to be made in advance according to our rules (shows rule 4). This is our *jama karach* for cash, showing how much is received from all residents. Hari Narain Bose has written this *roka* for August 1909. It was in my custody, and I gave it to the police and got receipt for this and the other book in one.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
15-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Hari Narain Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 15, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of April 1910.

My name is Hari Narain Bose My father's name is Parbati Charan Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Barisal, police-station Gournadi, zilla Backerganj. I reside at present at No. 37, Harrison Road, Calcutta, where I am a muharrir of Vakil Babu Abinash Ch. Guha (of the High Court). I know Jamini Kanta Das, who has just given evidence. He is manager of the Great Eastern Indian Hotel at No. 37, Harrison Road. I worked for him in his absence in August 1909. I kept the books—a daily account book and attendance register. This is the attendance register. The entries in August are in my handwriting. Lal Mohon Choudhuri must have been there, as I find his name there. He arrived on the 22nd August, and left on the morning of the 25th. This is my entry. I file it [Exhibits 3 and 3 (1); entry marked with red pencil]. I made the correction from Mazumdar to Chaudhuri. The name was given me by the person who came there. I can say if I see him whether I recognise him.

This is the *roka* book (Exhibit 4). From it I see Lal Mohon Chaudhuri paid Rs. 5-4 in advance [Exhibit 4 (1)]. Both these books are kept in the ordinary course of business. When he left he got refund of Re. 1-0-6 from me, as appears from the entry [Exhibit 4(2)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
15-4-10.

The deposition of Raja Dhobi, Prosecution Witness No. 16, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Raja Dhobi. My father's name is Ramdhan Dhobi I am by caste Dhobie. My home is at mauza Kamrabad, police-station Sonarpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside and where I am a dhobi. I wash for many *sahibs*, people of my village, and other people. I am the dhobi who washes the clothes of Nandi Doctor opposite the Medical College. I know his house, but not the number. He has had his clothes washed by me about eight years. I also wash the clothes of his family and servants. He has three sons. I know them, and could identify them. I have heard their names, but I do not recollect them. The eldest son, I heard, was in jail. I used to see him before that. He had a *swadeshi* shop. I do not know if he was manager. This shop was by a theatre on the road with the tram on it which runs from Sealdah to Bara Bazar and to Howrah Bridge on the right-hand of the side of the road. I once went there and had clothes to wash for the people in that shop. The shop was afterwards removed to the side of the Golpukur in Pataldanga on the opposite side of the tank to the bazar.

Means Harrison Road.

After it was removed there I did not go to it, as the clothes were taken to and given me at the Babu's place opposite the College. After the Burra Babu got ill, I did not get paid for washing these clothes. There is a Babu who lives at Basuldanga, or some such place, on the Diamond Harbour line. He worked in the *swadeshi* shop. He used to give me the clothes from the people of the shop and take them from me. He used to pay me. He lived in the ground floor of the Nandis' house. He was a Brahmin. If I saw him I could identify him. He told me the Burra Babu was ill, and told me to come again after a week or so. I saw this Brahmin at the shop and at the Nandis' house.

I saw no other persons at the Nandis' house. I could not identify anyone else in the shop.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Dinanath Deb, Prosecution Witness No. 17, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Dinanath Deb. My father's name is Kali Chand Deb. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a vakil's muharrir at Diamond Harbour Munsif's Court.

I remember the 10th *Baisakh* 1316. That night there was a dacoity in our village. I went to the spot at 2 or 2-30 A.M. It was at the house of Ramtaran Mittra. On arrival I saw an iron *sinduk* broken, a big wooden *sinduk* broken, and some papers and things scattered about. I saw Ramtaran Babu. He told me in answer to my question that the men who came had white boots on and white coats. I asked how they got inside the room beyond the hall, and he said that they broke open the door with kicks and so got in. He told me he tried to oppose them a little by force, but they threatened him with revolvers, and he pushed one and he fell by the side of the *taktaposh* and so bruised his thigh. I saw the bruise. He told me they had taken away all his money and ornaments. He said the dacoits were aged 22 or 23 and were *bhadralogs* I went with Ramtaran and the chaukidar to the thana at Diamond Harbour, reaching there at 7 or 7-30 A.M. He gave his deposition. The Sub-Inspector asked me what I knew, and I told him. I know that Sub-Inspector whom I identify (identifies Sarat Chandra Banerji). I know Lalit M. Chakravarti of my village. He is the son of Prionath Chakravarti, and he is nicknamed Banga. I told the Sub-Inspector that he stayed in Calcutta, and came to our village at times and did not do any work, and that he went about in the *swadeshi* affairs. I told the Sub-Inspector I therefore suspected him.

Once in *Asar* or *Sraban* 1316 I saw Lalit at the Sens' house at Netra. There is a village called Diara, about 1 or 1½ *cos* from our village, where he used to go and shoot at target practice. I asked him why he came with guns with so many police about. He said, "How can the police know? We come secretly, and go away secretly." He was not there on that occasion to shoot. The Sens' house is the house of Gopal Kristo Sen and Hara Gobinda Sen.

I know Hem Sen. He is son of Hara Gobinda, and he lives in that house. When I saw Lalit on this occasion Prionath Sen, the Postmaster, and Hem Sen were there. Prionath is own brother of Hem Sen. I do not think I saw Lalit after the dacoity. I had this conversation with him, but that was in the rains, and I am not certain of the year. But I now remember I have not seen him after the dacoity. It was a mistake that I said it was after the dacoity that I saw him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-4-10.

Dinanath Deb, Prosecution Witness No. 17, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and Hem Chandra Sen.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Kristo N. Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 18, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Kristo Nath Mittra. My father's name is Kali Kumar Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I was a naib of Maharaja Jotindra Mohon Tagore, but I have now retired seven years or so.

There was a dacoity in our house on the 10th *Baisakh* 1316. I was at home that night. At 1 or 1-30 A.M. it occurred. I was at the time in the outer house in a room by the side of the *baitakhana* asleep. When my *bhai* called, "*Dada*, we have been ruined, the dacoits have taken all our things," I got up and went to his room in a hurry. There I saw the iron *sinduk* broken open and other boxes broken and everything taken away, and documents, etc., were scattered on the floor. He then took me to my youngest brother's room. He was not at home. In it was his young wife. In that room there was a jack-tree-wood-*sinduk*. It had been broken with a crow-bar. Some three or four tin boxes were broken, and there was a wooden hand-box, of which they had probably got the key, as it was unlocked. They had taken away my sister-in-law's ornaments from the box. They only took money and ornaments, not clothes. Ramtaran, my *bhai*, said the dacoits were young *bhadralogs*, aged about 20, and they had coats, boots and stockings on. He said that seven or eight men were there in the house. My room was 60 or 70 cubits from his. He sleeps in a separate *mahal*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Nripendra N. Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 19, aged about 12 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Nripendra N. Mitra. My father's name is Ramtaran Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a school-boy. I go to school at Diamond Harbour. There was a dacoity at our house last *Baisakh*. I saw five or six men who came into the house. They were like *bhadralogs* with boots and shirts (*jamas*) on. They came into my room and lifted up the curtain, and said, "If you get up, we will break your head." I saw three with revolvers, others had *lathis*. When they were going away, one called to another "No. 7." When I heard this, they had left the house. This was called out after they left; I was then in the verandah.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-4.

The deposition of Fanindra N. Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 20, aged about 12 years taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Fanindra N. Mittra. My father's name is Nilratan Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a school-boy at Diamond Harbour. I used to sleep in the same room as Nripen in *Baisakh* last. There was a dacoity in our house then. I first heard the noise of kicking against our door, and opening it, five or six men came in and they threw down my uncle This I saw from my room. Some entered my room. Someone lifted up our curtain and said, "We will break your heads, if you get up." They demanded keys from my uncle Ramtaran. I heard them do so. My uncle said he had not got them; they were with his elder brother. They said, "If we do not get it there, we will come and beat you (*aponake*)." My uncle's wife began to cry. She told my uncle to give up the keys, "If we live, we will get money again" He gave up the keys. They told him to open the boxes himself (*apan kule den*). This he did. They took all the money from the drawer. I had got up and I saw I was in one room and my uncle in the next, and there is an opening between the two rooms, the doors between the rooms being open. There was a light in the room. There is a lower drawer in the iron *sinduk*. My uncle said he had not the key. The dacoits broke it with a crow-bar They took my uncle to my youngest brother's room. There was a way behind the bed, and they told him to go by the passage by the bed. They went that way to my father's room, where my mother and younger sister were sleeping. I heard them say to my mother, "Open the door, or we will break it open" (saying to her *aponi*). Then I heard, "Unless you open quickly we will shoot you." My elder sister was sleeping in the room with us. She began to cry to my mother, telling her to open the door. The dacoits said, "Do not shout." My younger sister opened the door, and the dacoits went in. When I went there after the dacoity, I saw that the boxes were broken.

When the dacoits were going away, they were taking away two hurricane lamps My aunt said, "You take everything, even the lamps," and they then left them behind. When they got into the road, I opened the window of my father's room. They said, "Is this your civility? Shut the window or we will shoot you."

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

Read over in Bengali to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Dhirendra N. Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 21, aged about 14 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H.P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Dhirendra N. Mittra. My father's name is Ramtaran Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a school-boy.

I and Surendra Nath Ghose were asleep in one room when there was a dacoity in our house last *Baisakh*. We were asleep at night, and we heard the sound of kicks on the door. The dacoits were then walking about the house. They went in and out of my father's room, and I heard the noise of money being jingled. I sat up and called Surendra, my nephew. He got up, and one man came to my room with a pistol in his right hand and a hurricane lamp in his hand too. He came in and lifted up the curtain and said to me, "Go to sleep," and said, "If you get up or scream, we will hit you with a *lathi*." One man came three times into my room. I can't say it was the same man each time. When he went away, I then got up and saw them going backwards and forwards in and out of the house. I saw a man with a torch. Then I heard a man, while things were being broken, say, "Make haste" (in English). When they were going out by the middle door, I got up and looked at them. They went off.

(Sd) H. P. Duval
16-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct

(Sd) H. P. Duval
16-4-10.

The deposition of Surendra N. Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 22, aged about 16 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Surendra N. Das Ghose. My father's name is Devendra Nath Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Kaknapara, police-station Magra Hat, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am living with my maternal uncle, Dhirendra Nath Mittra. I live in the house of Dhirendra's father. I was there last *Baisakh*. There was a dacoity in it last *Baisakh*. I was asleep. Dhirendra, who was sleeping with me, woke me up. A dacoit came to our room with a hurricane lantern and a pistol and said, "None of you get up or make a noise, or we will hit you with a *lathi*." A man came at intervals and looked at us, and said the same thing and went away. I heard one man say, "Make haste" (in English). I know no more.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval
16-4-10

The deposition of Haripada Das Sirkar, Prosecution Witness No. 23, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, the 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Haripada Das Sirkar. My father's name is Jodunath Das Sirkar I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside. I am unemployed. I was formerly in the Post Office. I know Ramtaran Mittra. He lives at Netra too. He lives within two *rasis* of my house. There was a dacoity in his house last *Baisakh*. The chaukidar called me, and I then went to Ramtaran's house about 8 or 8-30 A M. There I saw that in the house there was a light, and papers were scattered about Ramtaran said to me, "*Bhai*, you must go to Calcutta." Ram works there, and he gave me a letter to his master, and with it I came to his master's house His master is Peari Mohon Rai, and he lives in Amherst Street I had seen in Ramtaran's house an iron chest broken and there were one or two boxes I recognise the large wooden *sinduk*

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P DUVAL.
16.4-10.

The deposition of Paresh Nath Lasker, Prosecution Witness No. 24, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Paresh Nath Lasker. My father's name is Doyal Chandra Lasker. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside and where I was president of the *panchayet*, but have recently retired. I was president last year in *Baisakh*. There was a dacoity there then in Krista Nath Mittra's house. The next morning I heard of it and went to the house. When I went Ramtaran had gone to the police. I went inside and saw a trunk and a *sinduk* broken. An iron safe was open. I know Lalit Mohon Chakravarti of our village; his nickname is Banga. I can't say if he is a supporter of *swadeshi*. There was no *swadeshi* meeting in our village. He lived in Calcutta and came home only occasionally. He wears *swadeshi* cloths.

I knew Hem Sen. He was staying at the village at the time of the dacoity. I saw him in the morning after the dacoity, and a day or two before it. He is employed in Calcutta at the City College. I met him on the road the morning after the dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Rati Kanta Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 25, aged about 14 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Rati Kanta Ghose. My father's name is Biswanath Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My house is at mauza Nétra, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am living at home and tend cattle. There was a dacoity in our village last *Baisakh*, and the police came and enquired into it. I showed the police a *mát* called the *Purbe mát*. The police went there with me. I had taken cattle out to graze, and on this *mát* I had seen bottle and things there, and so I told the people in whose house the dacoity occurred, and they told the police. When we went we found one bottle, paper, *sal* leaves, and a basket. I saw nothing eatable there. There were two cartridges. [He identifies a bottle, leaves, a copy of a newspaper, and two cartridges and a basket.] I saw the things the day after the dacoity, and the day after that I went to the *mát*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

Read over in Bengali to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Nilratan Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 26, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Nilratan Mittra. My father's name is Kali Kumar Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside.

I also reside at Mothurapore, where I am naib of Peari Mohan Rai. We are three brothers, Krista Nath, Ramtaran and myself, and we are joint. Last *Baisakh* there was a dacoity in our house. I was not at home that night, but was at Mothurapore. I returned home (hearing of it in the morning) the next evening. There I saw the police outside, and found inside that there were papers scattered and boxes broken; and in my own room I found all my boxes broken and also in my middle brother's room. This *sinduk* and these four boxes are mine and my daughter's. These two (1 and 2) are my daughter's and these three (3, 4, and 5) are mine.

In the *sinduk* were 12 ten-rupee notes, 1 sovereign, 1 gold bangle, 1 gold watch chain, and a pair of *churis* of buffalo horn with a gold band in the middle of them. There was a very large number of papers also. There was some glassware. It was, I found, not stolen and was outside the box.

From the other four boxes nothing was stolen. There was nothing valuable in them. The *sinduk's* key was with me. The keys of the others were with my wife. I know Lalit Mohon Chakravarti of my village, nicknamed Banga. I and the Junior Sub-Inspector, Dijendra Babu, came the day I returned here to Calcutta to search for Lalit. We went to No. 46, Mechua Bazar Street, as there is a mess there; and Hem Sen lived there, and so did his brother. So we went there to look for Lalit. Lalit and Hem are friends and co-villagers and of the same *d l*. Lalit was not there. I gave a list of all properties. I went to the police the afternoon I came home. We suspected Lalit, as what I heard about the dacoity was that it was a *swadeshi* dacoity. Lalit was a *swadeshi*. This (Exhibit 5, papers) is the list and bears my signature.

(Sd) H. P DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

The deposition of Ramtaran Mitra, Prosecution Witness No. 27, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of April 1910.

My name is Ramtaran Mitra. My father's name is Kali Kumar Mitra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside. I am a superintendent of the estate of Peari Mohan Rai, of Amherst Street I stay at Amherst Street, Calcutta, and my house is at Netra: I have two brothers, and we three are joint in mess. Last *Baisakh*, the 10th, I went home to my house for the night, reaching there at 10-30 P.M. That night there was a dacoity in my house. I was at home asleep in my bed-room. About 1-30 A.M. the dacoity took place

At 10-30 I got home from the station and it was about midnight after my meal that I went to bed. At the time of going to bed I put a hurricane lamp alight by the chair at the side of my bed. There is a *dalan* beyond my bed-room and beyond that a *rak* with a corrugated iron roof. I awoke, hearing a great noise at the door. I got up quickly and opened the door of my room (they had just been put to). I then saw that the door of the outer room had been burst open and the dacoits were just coming in. I first saw five or six people coming, and I saw a torch burning behind them. I quickly tried to shut my bed-room door. They ran to the door seeing me shutting it. I could not close it against them. I saw two men just in front of me and others were behind, and I hit hard with my fist at them. Then the whole lot fell on me. I fell over the corner of the *taktaposh*. I got up and tried to drive them back. They rushed again and fell on me. I fell, and I became senseless After that I got up and sat on the floor. I saw people were all round, and that they had lights—there was my light, the light of the lantern in the verandah, and a torch on the verandah. A man was seated opposite to me with his hand on the trigger of his revolver, and pointed it at me saying, "Do you (*aponi*) see what this is?" He said, "Give me the key of the iron chest." My wife cried and said, "Give up every thing at once Do not keep anything." I said, "I have not the key with me." A man from behind said, "He is still not giving the key. Why not break his head?" I saw him then with an iron crow-bar held over his head. It was like this (Exhibit VI). Then I concluded that I could not save both my life and my money, and it was better to lose the money. My wife was pressing me to give up everything. So I said, "The key is in that bag (pointing)." The bag was on a book-case in the room. One man handed me the bag. I opened it, and threw out the bunch of keys They said, "No. You must open the safe yourself." At that time a man emptied out the bag from which I took the key. Some money and a money-bag dropped out of it These they took. One man lifted up my bedding. There was a gold chain, a watch, a locket made of a sovereign, and two rings—one I am now wearing and another These were under the pillow. The two rings fell when they took up the quilt, and I found them next morning. The rest they took away. They threatened to shoot me if I did not open the *sinduk*. I then was obliged to open it. They began to take out all the ornaments and put them in their pockets There was a cash-box. Its key was in the same ring. They opened it and found inside documents and savings-bank books which they left. The other documents they threw out on the floor of the room, saying they did not want them. There was a drawer in the *sinduk*. They opened it, and there were some ornaments in it which they took away. There was a secret drawer below it. They demanded the key of it. I had not the key, as my wife used to keep her money in it, and so they broke it open with the crow-bar. This (Exhibit VII) is the cover of that secret drawer. There was in it Rs. 80 in cash and Rs. 350 in ten-rupee notes. It was in a piece of white cloth, and they took it out and it was put in a pocket. The memo. of this sum was on a piece of paper in the cash-box. They were threatening the children not to raise a cry all the time. The women of the house were crying, and they said, "Mothers, don't cry; we are not real dacoits. We are doing this for the good of our country and to root out the English. If you cry, evil will fall on your sons. None of these things and money will really be lost. If God brings that day about, we shall return it even with interest." I said, "If that is so, give me a list of what you are taking." They refused. They ordered me to go with them to my younger brother's room We crossed behind the bed through a hall to my younger brother's room. I am certain he could not have gone that way, unless someone knew it before. They showed me the way. Having got to the hall, they seized the Indian clubs belonging to the children, and with them they hammered at the door. I said, "Don't break the door. I will call." I called, and a little after my sister-in-law opened the door. They all went in and ordered her to give up her ornaments. She hesitated, and they said, "Give, or we will insult you." She gave up her ornaments from her person and gave over the keys of the boxes. They took away the ornaments. The boxes, of which they could not get the keys, they broke open. This *sinduk* (Exhibit V) was broken open, and they took away ornaments and money that were in it, and the papers in it were scattered about.

They said, "Take us to your elder brother's house." They came to the yard. It is some way off by the *baitakkhana*. I said, "You have taken all from here, why disturb the old men and women?" Four or five consulted, and they determined not to. As they came out, I was with them. They were going through the house. They asked me, "Why are you (*aponi*) going to?" I said, "To shut the outer door." They said, "No. You need not go out. Stay here." They all went out. Two remained behind and, after the rest had gone, they suddenly went off too.

It was a very dark night. I shut the door and called my elder brother. I showed him and told him all. People were called, and came A man went to the station to telegraph, but the signaller would not take the wire. I went to the thana with Dinanath Deb—and the chaukidar the next day in the morning. I gave my information to the Sub-Inspector. This is the Sub-Inspector (identifies Sarat Chandra Banerji, Sub-Inspector). This Sub-Inspector read it over to me, and I found it correct. I gave a list of all the articles stolen from my own room. I signed the information. This (Exhibit 7) is it. The dacoits snatched off two gold *balas* from my wife's wrists.

As the dacoits left, the children were looking out of the windows The dacoits said, "Is this your civility? Shut the windows, or we will shoot you." The man who pointed the revolver at me was a clean-shaven man, of medium complexion, and of ordinary height and size. The rest had boots, some white boots, some had shirts, some coats, some had silk *chaddars*, and others ordinary ones. They had them over their heads. Only one man had his face uncovered: the man who pointed the revolver at me.

When I fell I hurt my thigh, and it bled. I was examined by the Assistant Surgeon of Diamond Harbour. Since the dacoity I have made the low wall on the side of my house higher. The *dhangoli* has been removed from by the wall, from the east to the west. I have also put new hooks, etc, to the doors.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.
(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-4-10.

Ramtaran Mitter, Prosecution Witness No. 27, recalled on 25th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

THESE two boxes (XLI and LII) are mine. When our house was dacoited, these boxes were in our house. They were looked. They were opened by the dacoits. The dacoits took our keys away. The keys of those boxes were like these (XXXIX and XL). There were several keys on the ring which they took away.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) RAMTARAN MITTER.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Tarapada Bhattacharji, Prosecution Witness No. 28, aged about 17 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Tarapada Bhattacharji *alias* Fatik. My father's name is Upendra Nath Bhattacharji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapore, police-station Baruipore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a student. I am a student of the Souratgeria School. I remember the *Siva Chaturdashi* night two years ago. There was a bioscope at a place, a *rasi* from my house. There is a *sirkari atchala* belonging to the villagers, and it was held there. It was a magic-lantern performance. The pictures did not move and alter. I went to the performance. I can't say who gave the performance. I heard of it when I came back from school, and after taking refreshments I went there. A piece of cloth was put up and two men stood by the lantern. There were many pictures: one of a snake eating a frog, and pictures of the Japanese War, and many other pictures which I do not remember. One man was describing the nature of the pictures. I might be able to identify him. He stood by the side of the lamp. I do not know where they came from. There were about 100 or 150 spectators. I only saw it one night. The *akhari* is in the compound of the *Kalibari*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Tarapado Bhattacharyya, Prosecution Witness No. 28, recalled on 18th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of some accused.

I can identify none here as having brought the magic lantern to our village. (Is shown Harendra Banerji.) I do not identify him.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 29, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Mukherji. My father's name is Umesh Chandra Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapore, police-station Protapnagore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I look after my own property and do business in paddy.

I remember the night of *Siva Chaturdashi* two years ago. In our village at the *Kalibari* there was a magic-lantern show. Hari Charan Banerji and Harendra Mukherji brought two *bhadraloks'* sons from Calcutta, and they gave the show. The four men came to my house by a quarter-to-10 train in the morning and stayed there, and in the evening I accompanied them to the performance. Hari and Haren belong to our village and stay in Calcutta. I know one of the two others who came from Calcutta. He is Lalit Mohon Chakravarti. I saw him twice—once then and once when he came with the Deputy Magistrate. I am not certain if I could identify the other one. They two ate at my house that night. Hari brought flour, potatoes, and *ghee* from the shop, and we cooked them and gave them *halwa* and other things from the house. They slept that night in a *ghar* on the outer side of my house. They returned to Calcutta the next day. I don't know if any admission fee was charged. I paid nothing. I saw four or five pictures, and after that the lamp went wrong. I do not remember the pictures now. I do not remember if the pictures were explained. There were 100 or 150 people in all there, including women and children. The Calcutta people made no speech.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval,
18-4-10

The deposition of Debendra Nath Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 30, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Debendra Nath Chakravarti. My father's name is Khetra Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Sheadaha, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present. I am unemployed. I have land there which I look after. I know village Netra. It is one and a half to two miles from our village. I know Lolit Mohan Chakravarti of that village. He is called Banga. There was a dacoity in Netra. I was at the time with colic pains. I went to Benares about a year before that, or more. I went there to my father-in-law's for a change. My father-in-law is Hem Chandra Bidyaratna. He lives in Hararbagh in Benares. I went there in *Sraban* 1315 and was there five or six months. I met Lolit there in *Sraban*. I was going to the Ganga Ghat, and I met him as he was coming from it. I was on my way to the Dasawamedh Ghat. He was on the road. He had a shirt on. I don't exactly remember how he was dressed. He asked me what I was doing there and where I was staying. I told him. I asked why he was there and where he was staying. I don't remember whether he said, "I have come here" or "I am staying here." He did not give me his address. He went off in a hurry. I did not see him there at Benares again. I don't know if there is an *akra* at Benares. Bhushan Bhattacharji is my brother-in-law. I remember making a statement to the police after the Netra dacoity. It was within a month or two of the dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

18-4-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

18-4-10.

The deposition of Hari Charan Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 31, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Hari Charan Banerji. My father's name is Prosanno K. Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapore, police-station Protapnagore, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at No. 55, Muktaram Babu's Street, Calcutta, where I am a private tutor from last month. Before that I was officiating in the Currency Office as a clerk. I was first educated at Baharal School up to the third class and then I went to the Seal's Free College, Calcutta. I read up to the Entrance, and then I took admission into the Arya Mission School at No. 80-1, Muktaram Babu's Street. The second master of the Seal's Free College took me once to see Annoda Kaviraj, who lived in Cornwallis Street. My eldest brother got ill and died, and my second brother was ill and his wife died, and I could not work for my examination. I used to eat at my eldest brother's father-in-law's house, and sleep at the house of N. C. Mukherji in the same lane. I had to find work as an order supplier, but only got one order from Rajshahi. The second master said that I did not understand packing and accounts, and so he took me to Annoda Kaviraj. He said to him that I was in want, and he (Annoda) was a director of the *Chattra Bhandar* and so he asked him to let me learn packing and accounts there. I went to the *Chattra Bhandar*. I did not go every day, but I went there 20 or 22 days. I stood and watched the packing and sending of things. There were many Babus there. I remember Nagen Babu, Naren Babu, Pabitra Babu, Indra Babu, Haridas Babu, and Akshoy Babu. Lolit Chakravarti came there to purchase things. This was while I was there. It was before the *Sivaratri*—three *Sivaratris* again. It was the end of 1907 or beginning of 1908. I talked to him. He purchased some article, and it was given to me to pack. He asked me whether I had been admitted here and worked here. I said, "No. I am only learning packing and accounts, as I want to start business as order supplier." He asked me how I came to be there, and I told him. He asked where my house was. I told him Kalikapore, and he said I was a man of his country, and he told me he came from Netra. I was there, and two or three others were. He said he did magic lantern and bioscope. I asked what he earned by that, and told him I could take him to our village on the *Sivaratri* day, if it could be arranged. He said he could not do it for less than five rupees. I told him that when I went home, I could arrange and send for him. He said he could certainly go if definite arrangements were made. This was on a Thursday or Friday, and I went home and told Nibaran Laskar, a local shopkeeper, who agreed to pay the cost, saying he could raise the money. There was a talk with Lolit that he would get Rs. 2 in advance, and Nibaran gave it to me when I returned to Calcutta. I met Lolit by previous arrangement at the *Chattra Bhandar*. I gave him the Rs. 2, and it was arranged I was to meet him on the morning of the *Sivaratri* and take him there. I met him, and with him was a *chogra*. I do not know his name. I had arranged with Satish that we should feed there. I took him there. He showed the magic lantern in an *atchala* in front of the Kalibari temple. About half an hour after arrival at Satis Babu's, people were there, many came—big men and children. Lolit first asked, "Have you malaria in your country? The boys look ill. Do they take exercise?" Some said, "No. There was a football which they played with, and it is broken. Now they do nothing and they are poor." It had been arranged he should take both a magic lantern and bioscope, and he only brought a magic lantern, and Nibaran and others were displeased, and Nibaran said he would not give so much. Lolit also said, "Dumb-bells and Indian clubs do not get torn like a football and you can take exercise with them." We told him there were two *paras* of our village, some way apart. The boys from one *para* do not go to the other; they all like football and they will meet for playing it. We were afraid this would not be so with dumb-bells and Indian clubs. Lolit said, "Get a man to teach the boys." We said every one was in Calcutta, and only came home once or twice a month. None could undertake it. Lolit asked Satish to undertake it. He said he could not. Jotish Mukherji was there, and he undertook to do it. Lolit also promised that out of the Rs. 2 he had got, he could buy the dumb-bells and the clubs. He told me I was to go and fetch them. I declined to fetch them. Haren agreed to get them. It was arranged that a place could be set apart for the dumb-bell exercise and bar exercise. The talk was that the place fixed on should be on Satish's land. I went about seeing to food, etc., and went to my house; and when I returned I found all the village children there, and they were digging up the land fixed for the exercises and watering it. I went with them at 7 or 8 P.M. to the place for the magic lantern show at the Kalibari. I am a co-sharer in the Kalibari with two others. There were three or four pictures shown and then the lantern went wrong. People raised an uproar and some used abuse. When the uproar began, some one said, "Don't mind, we will come again." Then I went back towards Satish's house with them. I remember painting one picture of a *rakas* (monster) eating a rat. I went home, and next morning I went to Satish's house and heard they had gone away. I went to the Arya Mission School after leaving the *Chattra Bhandar*. I continued my studies there and passed the Entrance in 1909. I saw Lolit again on the road with Haren at Thanthaniya. Haren had a pair of dumb-bells in his hand. Haren said he had come to Lolit for the dumb-bells and Indian clubs, and showed me the dumb-bells. He said to me, "Come with me, and we will get the clubs, too.' I asked, "Where to?" and he said, "Near by in Mechua Bazar. Haren, I, and Lolit went through Mechua Bazar Street

to the *khal* near the Gas Works. Lolit got the clubs made in a shop there. We were there waiting a long time. I had something with me, a dumb-bell or a club. I wanted to go back to my lodging. Haren said, "How can I go alone?" Lolit was with us, and when we came to Kristo Das Pal's statue I said I could go with them no further. I then gave my bundle to Haren and went to my lodging in Guruprosad Choudhury's Lane. Lolit and Haren went the way to the station. I saw Lolit again in front of the Arya Mission School. I was waiting by the gate, and he came along and asked me how I was and what I was doing. I had met him once before that somewhere, and he asked whether the exercising was going on in my village. I said I had not been there recently, so I did not know. I can identify Lolit. I identify Haren (witness No. 32).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
18-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
18-4-10.

Hari Charan Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 31, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY only Pabitra, and this man, I think, is Lolit. I only went once in the evening to Annoda Rai. I do not identify him. I do not know the full name of Narain Babu.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) HARI CHARAN BANERJI.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Harendra N. Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 32, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Harendra N. Mukherji. My father's name is Nokur Ch. Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapore, police-station Protapnagore, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at the Arya Mission School, No. 80-1, Muktaram Babu's Street, Calcutta, where I am a student.

Two years ago, on *Sivaratri* night, there was a magic lantern performance in front of the Kalibari in our village in an *atechala*. Two *chogras*—Lolit was the name of one, I do not know the name of the other—gave it. Hari, who has just given evidence, brought them. I went to Satish's house in the morning about 11 A.M. and saw them there. Many children of the village were there assembled. The man who went with Lolit said, "Why is their health so bad? Do they take exercise?" Lolit said, "You can get a pair of dumb-bells and Indian clubs for Re. 1-4." We said we could not get them for that, but he said if we went to him, he would buy them for us for that amount. He said he had spent only about As. 12-6 out of the subscribed Rs. 2, and he could get them from out of the balance. He asked Hari first to come and fetch them. He refused. He asked me to wait in front of the Medical Office on a particular day, and I would see him there. On that day I waited about six minutes and then he came, and we went to Thanthaniya, and there he bought two pairs of dumb-bells. By Mechua Bazar Street we got Hari. He said to Hari he had got the dumb-bells within 7 annas. We went east up to a bridge on from Mechua Bazar Street to the east, and Lolit had one club made at a shop there, and we waited for a pair to be made. We brought them back, the three to College Square. Hari then left us I then took them to Baliaghata and came home with them. Lolit came with me to Baliaghata, as he wanted to see some one. When I came home, I gave them to Satis Mukherji.

The police came over to enquire about the magic lantern and about what I have now told you. I gave the Police Inspector a letter. He is here in Court (shows Sarat Chandra Banerji, Sub-Inspector of Diamond Harbour). This is the letter (Exhibit 7). This first part I wrote myself. The postscript was written at the instance of the police officer, as he said that otherwise the addressee could not know what clubs or dumb-bells were meant. I had first made a mistake, saying Hari had given me them; thence I remembered it was Lolit.

The magic lantern performance took place and four or five pictures were shown. The pictures were, I think, about the Japanese War, and one was of a monster eating rats.

I have known Lolit from the time he came to our village on this occasion.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4.

The deposition of Kalasashi Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 33, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Kalasashi Chakravarti. My father's name is Prosanna Kumar Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapur, police-station Protapnagore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a cultivator. On the *Sivaratri* night two years ago, when I returned from my cultivation, I heard there was going to be a magic lantern show at the Kalibari, so I washed myself and went there. When the people collected, and after four or five pictures were shown the lantern was burnt, and the people went home. Two *chogras* gave the show. I don't know whether I can identify them. I know Harendra, who has just given evidence. The police came to our village two or two and a half months ago. They went to Hari Charan's house. I handed over to the police one pair of dumb-bells and one pair of Indian clubs. I had seen them at Satis Mukerji's and I asked why he got them, and he told me he had got them as people said it would improve his health. I said, "They are not being used; let me have them to exercise." I took them away and put them at my cousin Mohendra Nath Chatterji's *pujar dalan*, as my house is a new one, and I had no room to use them there. I did not use them, as I had no spare time, and no one could teach me. A *chogra* called Moni, who lives in the south, brought the pair of dumb-bells from Satis's house or somewhere else and took them to Lalgola, and after that he brought them back and put them in my house.

The police came to the village and asked the children where these things were. The children came and told me that some people wanted me at Hari's house. I went and met them there, taking the dumb-bells and clubs with me. I gave them over to these people who were policemen.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4.

The deposition of Sanyasi Charan Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 34, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Sanyasi Charan Ghose. My father's name is Tarachand Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at No. 1, Kamardanga Road, Entally, where I am a contractor. I do contract work at Diamond Harbour for the last four or five years. I have a *basha* there. I do not know Lolit Mohon Chakravarti of Netra I know other *bhadras* of Netra. I know of no one called Banga there. I was a contractor direct under the Public Works Department. I know Charu Ghose of Chetla, and Monmotha Mitter of Chetla. He is some *bhai* of Charu's. Charu used to work as a sub-contractor under me, so did Monmotha. Charu Ghose came one day with some *chogras*; it was in *Paus* 1315. At that time Monmotha was at my house at Diamond Harbour. Charu had eight or nine *chogras* with him. They had two big boxes, like gun boxes, with them and one bag. Charu told me that they had come for *shikar* at Kaldip, but could not get a boat, and so they had come to eat at my place. I said I can't stay. I have to go by the 1-30 P.M. train to Deula. I told my servant, Dhirendra Nath Ghose, to make all necessary arrangements, and I went off by the train. It was at the time of the Xmas holidays. Except Charu Ghose, I should not be able to identify anyone.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-4-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-4.

Sanyashi Charan Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 34, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Charu Babu (shows Charu Chandra Ghose).
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SUNNASHI CHARAN GHOSE.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Dhirendra Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 35, aged about 14 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indians Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Dhirendra Nath Ghose. My father's name is Soshi Bhusan Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Nunabagh, police-station Shampore, Zilla Howrah. I reside at present at Usilberia, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I take *hasiras* of coolies, etc., and cook sometimes and measure work for Sanyasi Babu. I know Charu Ghose of Chetla. He came to Sanyasi Babu's place about two years ago at the Xmas holiday time. He had with him seven or eight men—young, full-grown men. Among them I know Lolit Chakravarti of Netra, and I also know Charu Ghose. I used to be a boy at the Netra School, so I know Lolit. They said they were going to the *abad* to do *shikar*. The boatmen were not willing to go, so they came and had their food at our place. Some were dressed like *bhadraloks* and other had *lungis* on. There were two guns with them, and they also had food and provisions with them. They arrived by the 1½ o'clock train, and I helped them in the cooking. Sanyasi Babu told me to arrange for them. After eating they went off. They were Kayasthas and Brahmins; they all ate together. None of them objected to this. After eating they went off along the *khal*. They told me they were going to Kuleswar. The way by the *khal* is one way to it. I might be able to identify others if I see them.

(Sd). H P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4.

Dhirendra Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 35, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Charu Chandra Ghose. I also identify Lolit Mohon Chakravarti.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Dhirendra Nath Ghose (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Monmotha Nath Mittra, Prosecution Witness No. 36, aged about 25 years taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Monmotha Nath Mittra. My father's name is Dwarka Nath Mittra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Kuleswar, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a sub-contractor of Sanyasi Ghose and Lohit Ghose.

I heard of a Netra dacoity, and after that, a few days after, the police made certain enquiries of me. The police also questioned me about two months ago or so.

I know Charu Ghose, of Chetla.

Before the dacoity Charu came to my house in the winter once in *Paus* or *Magh* before the dacoity. He had other people with him. I did not know them. There were six or seven of them. They had two big guns with them. They came to Diamond Harbour to Sanyasi's *basha* and from there to my house. I was at Sanyasi's house, having gone there for money when they came. They arrived about 1 P.M. I went to Kuleswar by the 5 P.M. train to my house. Charu and his men came by foot from Diamond Harbour to my house. They all stayed in my house that night, and the next day they went off. I had gone off to Diamond Harbour in the morning, and when I returned they had gone away. I could not identify any of the others with Charu, if I saw them. Before this Charu had been to our place with guns, sometimes alone, sometimes with two or three people. I had seen him bring back some birds on former occasions from his *shikar*.

Charu is my *pistuto bhai*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4.

Manmatha Nath Mitra, Prosecution Witness No. 36, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Charu Chandra Ghose only.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Manmatha Nath Mitra (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Nagendra Mitra, Prosecution Witness No. 37, aged about 18 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Nagendra Mitra. My father's name is Taraknath Mitra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Kuleswar, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a student of the Diamond Harbour High School. I appeared in the Entrance Examination this year. Dwarka Mitra is my father's paternal uncle, and Monmotha is his son. Jotindra Nath Mittra is my elder brother. I know Charu Ghose of Chetla. He is nephew of Dwarka's sister's son. I heard Charu has been arrested. He has not seen him for five or six months. Before that he used to come to Dwarka's house. I live in a separate house from Dwarka. I saw Charu over a year ago in *Mayh* or *Falgoon* 1315. He came with five or six men. I saw one gun with him. He stayed one day there. I can't say whether I can recognise the others or not, unless I see them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4.

Nagendra Nath Mitra, Prosecution Witness No. 37, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Charu Chandra Ghose. I do not identify any of the people here as having been with him when he came shooting.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd) Nagendra Nath Mitra.

The deposition of Lalit Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 38, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Lalit Ghose. My father's name is Akhoy Kumar Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at No. 1 Kamardanga Road, Entally, Calcutta, where I reside at present, and where I am a contractor. Sanyasi Ghose is my cousin. He has a house with me in the same firm at Diamond Harbour. I know Charu Ghose of Chetla. He used to be a sub-contractor under me. In *Pous* before last Charu came to Diamond Harbour. I only heard of this. I was at my *bashs* at Usthi, and Dhiren Ghose came and told me that Charu Ghose had brought men and they had eaten at Sanyasi's place at Diamond Harbour. He told me they had gone with them. Usthi is two miles from Deula, which is five miles from Diamond Harbour.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-4-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-4-10.

The deposition of Gopal Bhandari, Prosecution Witness No. 39, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Gopal Bhandari. My father's name is Rup Chand Bhandari. I am by caste Mohesya. My house is at mauza Dhorw Ektoa, police-station Mogra Hât, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator and seller of fried rice.

My home is about 2 miles south of Deula station. I know Mozilpur. I go there at times. There is a road by our village going south towards the jungle and east towards Mozilpur.

I remember about the Netra dacoity. It was about a year ago. I saw four men going by the road by my house, hurriedly, in the early morning. I was getting to go to my field, and I and my nephew, as we got into the road, saw them. They were clothed in white and had shoes on. They were some little way off, say half a *rasi*. I heard of the dacoity the next day after I saw them. I saw them the same day as the dacoity; it was before sunrise, and it was still darkish. They went off southwards; where they went afterwards I cannot say. They could have gone either south, east, or west after where I saw them. I told a constable about this at the Goodshed Hât three or four days after the dacoity. I had told people about what I had seen before I told the police, and so I have got into this trouble. The dacoity was in the night, and I saw them in the early morning.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-4-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-4.

The deposition of Brindaban Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 40, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Brindaban Ch. Chakravarti. My father's name is Thakur Das Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Mollachak, police-station Mogra Hât, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present and have a rice business at Basuldanga Railway station. I live there, at home, and also at Calcutta. I know Lolit, of Netra. He is a distant relative of mine. I remember the dacoity at Netra last *Baisakh*. The morning after the night of the dacoity I came by the morning train from Mogra Hât to Calcutta. I saw at Mogra Hât Lolit standing on the platform. He got into the train that I got into, but not in my carriage. About two months after the dacoity I told the police of having seen this *chogra* at the station.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-4-10.

Brindaban Chandra Chakravarti, Witness No. 40, on solemn affirmation.

This (shows Lolit Chakravarti) is the man I saw at Sangrampur station. He is a relative of mine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) Sri Brindaban Chandra Chakravarti (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Nibaran Ch. Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 41, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of April 1910.

My name is Nibaran Ch. Chakravarti. My father's name is Ram Kamal Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Netra, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Diamond Harbour police-station, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am an Inspecting Pundit. I know Ramtaran Mittra, of Netra. There is only the road between his house and mine. There was a dacoity in his house a year ago. I was not then at home. I know Lolit Chakravarti. He is a *gyati* of mine. I also know Hem Sen. Some boys of the village told me not to go to the house of the people who had been dacoited. They said this with much insistence. There are a large number of children in Lolit's house, and they said this because Lolit had been named and a warrant was out against him. Before the dacoity I was not warned. Since it the boys have caused me much trouble, so that I thought of leaving the village.

On the *rakhi-bandhan* day, before the dacoity, I had gone to the station. Lolit I met at the station. He said, "There is cooking in your house and frying of *pulbal* to-day and I have thrown the things into the fire and put out the fire with water." I came and saw the ashes and the water and the *pulbal*. Many *chogras* came with Lolit when he came and did this. I went once on invitation to his house, and Lolit said to me in anger, "You still buy English clothes. You are not the son of your father." Lolit very seldom came home, and he came two years at the *rakhi-bandhan* time. I have seen him concerting with the other village *chogras*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-4.

Nibaran Chandra Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 41, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Hem Chandra Sen and Lolit Mohon Chakravarti.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

6-6-10.

(Sd.) NIBARON CH. CHUKRABARTTEE.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Hari Charan Boidya, Prosecution Witness No. 42, aged about 19 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 19th day of April 1910.

My name is Hari Charan Boidya. My father's name is Nobo Gopal Boidya. I am by caste Mahesya. My home is at mauza Joynagar, police-station Joynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Kourapukur, police-station Tollygunge, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am learning zamindari work. I used to read in the Joynagar School, and I read up to the third class. I have left school about two years. I know Bhupendra Nath Banerji Tinkori Das is a man of our village I know, but I have only heard his name. Bhupendra Nath lives in Banerjipara, Joynagar, about half a mile from my house. When I was at school I also knew Rajani Kanta Bhattacharji. I know Indu Kiron; he was at school with me too. I know Chuni Lal Nandi, of Mozilpur. I know Bhupendra had a coal shop at Mozilpur near his house. I do not know his father's name. I can't say when he started his shop. I have seen it about a year. There was an *akra* at Mozilpur; so I heard. There is a place called Sambriteswar, and there I used to go and see the *thakur*—a *Siv*. There was where I saw people playing, and I saw this *akra*. I saw many *bhadraloks'* children of Mozilpur playing there. Tinkori was their leader; so I was told by the villagers. I heard Chuni played there, but I did not see him play. I only saw people collected. I saw Rajani Kanta there. I saw Chuni Lal there too. I only knew of this *akra*. I saw the people collected were dressed *malkocha*. I saw no *lathi*-play, etc. I saw them collected two or three times. I did not talk to any of them.

I know Prokash Bose and Nirode Kristo Chakravarti, of Mozilpur. I knew Nirode when he was at school. Prokash used to have a *swadeshi* shop there. It is there no longer. When I went to stop at this shop, I did not see any of these people. I saw others there I can't say if the *akra* is still in existence.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

19-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

19-4.

Hari Charan Baidya, Prosecution Witness No. 42, recalled on 16th June 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I identify Rajani K. Bhattacharjya, Indu Kiran, Chuni Lall Nandi, and Tinkori Das. I knew Rajani and Indu Kiran at school. Chuni had a cloth shop in our village. I saw Tinkori Das once at the Joynagar at the temple of Radhaballab. He had gone to see the idol. I did not see him at the *akra*, but people were saying he was Tinkori Das, who used to do *lathi*-play at the Mozilpur *akra*.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-6-10.

(Sd.) Hari Charan Baidya.

The deposition of Purna Chandra Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 43, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 19th day of April 1910.

My name is Purna Chandra Bose. My father's name is Keshab Chandra Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Mosilpur, police-station Jaynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a doctor. I read for three years at the Campbell Medical School, and after that started practice. I know Rajani Kanto Bhattacharji, of Mosilpur, and Indu Kiron Bhattacharji; they live in the same house. I know Tinkori Das. He lives some way off them in the same village. I know Chuni Lal Nandi. He lives in Mosilpur. I also know Bhupendra Nath Banerji, whose home is at Jaynagar. I at Sambriteswar once saw *lathi*-play going on. Tinkori was playing. I did not see Rajani playing. Tinkori got a medal for his play. The people who looked on were very pleased with his play, and raised a subscription and gave him a medal. He played by himself. Others had been playing before, but I did not see them. When I arrived, Tinkori played. There were three or four other *lathis* there. There was a gymnastic place in Bhattacharjipara, but I never saw any play going on there. I have never seen all I have named collected together. Bhupen has a coal depôt. It is still in existence. The police arrested Bhupen. Someone else is running his shop for him now. The shop is on the roadside. I have been to the shop. I have seen one or other of these boys there occasionally.

(Sd.) H. P. D.

19-4.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

19-4-10.

Purna Chandra Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 43, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of certain accused, as noted in order-sheet.

I identify Rajani Bhattacharji, Indu Kiran, Tinkori, and Chuni Nandi (shows). They live in my village. I knew of Tinkori Das playing *lathi* once.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Purna Chandra Bose.

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of the accused as named and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Bama Charan Bhattacharji, Prosecution Witness No. 44, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 19th day of April 1910.

My name is Bama Charan Bhattacharji. My father's name is Digambar Bhattacharji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Mozilpur, police-station Jaynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a priest I know Chuni Lal Nandi. He lives about two *rasis* north of my house. He is the son of a prostitute. I remember I went to my disciple's house at Bansberia on the 11th or 12th *Baisakh* last. It is about two miles from Bistupore, and within view of Keshabeswar's temple, which is about one or one and a half miles away. The temple is south of the road that runs towards Kulpi. My disciple is Muchiram Ghosh. I went to attend his *shrad* I met on my way four men—a tall youth, who is the son of either Shyama Charan Bhattacharji or Dwarka who lives at the other extremity of Mozilpur to me, the son of a Brahmin who is the priest of a goldsmith and who lives just by the house of witness (No. 42), Hari Charan Boidya, and a *rari* Brahmin who lives in the Motilalpara of Jaynagar, and another, whom I cannot clearly describe, is not a man of our village. They were going towards the north towards Mozilpur. There is a pleader at Mozilpur, Hari Misser. I can't say if one was his son. The Brahmin of the goldsmith is a Batabyal, but I cannot say if his name is Keshab, but I think it is. Then says the Brahmin is Keshab Batabyal. I have long known him. The youth, who I said lives in Motilalpara, is called "Master"—I think because he is a master of gymnastics; he is not a school-master. They had a brass hurricane lantern, and they had two medium-sized thick *lathis*. One had white canvas shoes and the others were barefooted. I asked them where they had come from, and so early in the morning. I asked Batabyal, and he said that they had stayed in the Keshabeswar temple the night before. I then walked on. It was then very early, before sunrise.

I also met Sita Sekra's wife, who was going the same road as I, and was behind me. Keshab is her priest. She asked Keshab's son where he had been, calling him Barra Thakur, and he said he had been at Keshabeswar temple.

I heard of the Netra dacoity four or five days after. I told no one of meeting these boys. There is a temple, Sambriteswar, near my house. In the afternoon some young men get together and practise *lathi*-play there. Chuni Nandi played and so did the "Master"; and I saw Tinkori Das there, too, but not playing. I have seen people playing there three or four times. I cannot say if boys did *lathi*-play elsewhere in the village. There is no play there now for the last eight to ten months.

One morning I got up and opened my door, and found on the verandah a piece of paper made in a ball. I was afraid, and I opened it and read it. I saw in it a list of names of "*bideshi chelis*." The names were not of boys of our village. The way it was written was the same in which boys' names are written in an examination list—according to serial letters. There were more than 10 or 15 names. I was afraid that I might be arrested and sent to jail, so I opened no more of the papers, but took them all to a tank full of weeds and threw them there. This was about 10 or 12 days before Chuni was arrested and long after the dacoity. I was afraid as at that time people were being arrested, and Chuni's house had been searched three times. The grandson of Ram Gopal Bhattacharji, Rajani, too, had been arrested. I am not sure of his name, but I know he is Ram Gopal's grandson. There were only names written, no more. The names were in Bengali.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

19-4-10.

Read over in Bengali to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

19-4.

Bama Charan Bhattacharji, Prosecution Witness No. 44, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

Of the men I saw near the temples I identify among these people here to-day this man (Indu Kiran Bhattacharji). I do not know his name. One of the men was like him. He is the grandson of Ramgopal. In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 43.

I know Chuni Nandi and Tinkori Das, who are here. They live quite close to me. The man I spoke of as "master" is not here.

Cross-examined by Indu.—My sight is moderate only. I saw Indu with Batabyal, and spoke to Batabyal on the Kulpi Road near a tank in which there is a banyan tree. I have seen Indu with the "master" and Batabyal, who played *lathi*. I saw him from quite close on the road. It was very early morning.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI BAMA CHARAN BHATTACHARJI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Nobin Ch. Das, Prosecution Witness No. 45, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 19th day of April 1910.

Appears hostile

My name is Nobin Ch. Das. My father's name is Gangaram Das. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Boro, police-station Jaynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator. I do not know how to play with *lathi*. I never saw any *akra* at Mozilpur, Bhattacharjipara. I do not know Chuni Lal Nandi nor Khursed Purkait. I never saw any boys of Mozilpur or Jaynagar doing target practice. I do not know Tinkori Das. I do not stay at home. I cannot say whether there is a coal shop in Mozilpur. I saw Anukul Rai, a policeman, who called me to the thana. I denied to him that I taught *lathi*-play, nor did I say I had seen an *akra* at Bhattacharjipara. I saw the policeman about a month ago.

(Sd.) H P. DUVAL.

19-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

19-4-10.

COUNSEL says that he holds the witness to be untrustworthy and hostile.

(Sd.) H. P. D.

19-4-10.

The deposition of Karimuddin Laskar, Prosecution Witness No. 46, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 19th day of April 1910.

My name is Karimuddin Laskar. My father's name is Nasim Laskar. I am by caste Mussalman. My home is at mauza Durgapore, police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a labourer. I have only one or two bighas of cultivation myself. Diara is across the *khal* to the north of my house. I live 8 to 10 *rasis* from the *khal*. Diara is just across it. I was on the opposite side of the *khal* and I heard the noise of shooting. This was on the north of the *khal*, and I was on the south. A Deputy Babu came and asked me the road to Diara. I was cutting paddy. I showed him the way. I heard the noise of the firing one day.

To Court.—Ebrahim is my brother. I do not know Nimai and Bhuta Pod. When the Babu spoke to me, Ebrahim was not there. He had gone elsewhere to work.

To Counsel.—I did not, when I heard the sound of shooting, go and see who was shooting. I do not know Charu Ghose or Dwari Mittra. I am raiyat of Kali Ghose. I did not tell the Deputy Magistrate that I had seen five or six Babus there.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
19-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
19-4-10.

The deposition of Jotindra Dutt, Prosecution Witness No. 47, aged about 19 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Jotindra Dutt. My father's name is Kedar Nath Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Mozilpur, police-station Jaynagar, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at the Sibpur Engineering College, district Howrah, where I am a student in the Engineering Department. I remember the *Baisak* before this I came once from my village about the middle of the month to Calcutta. I had with me my sister and her little child. We came by *ticca ghari*. We went by the *ghari* to Baruipur station. Mogra Hât is our usual station, but the canal was dry, and so it was best to go by *ticca ghari* to Baruipur and thence by train to Calcutta. We left home about 4 A.M. We had much luggage on the *ghari*, on the top and inside. On the way, by the burning ghat at Jaynagar a man cried out, "*Garwan*, can you take me in the carriage?" I said, "No. There is a female passenger in the carriage and much luggage." One of them said, "Cannot you recognise me?" and I saw it was Rajani Kanta Bhattacharji. I told him I had much luggage and my sister, and there was no room. I know Rajani from before. He lives at Mozilpur. We went on in the *ghari* and near Barasat the wheel of the *ghari* broke. The *garwan* went to find another carriage, and my sister and I waited there. Then I saw Chuni Lal Nandi coming along with Rajani. They had overtaken us there. I knew Chuni from before. I can't say how many others were with them. When I first had seen them it was dark, and I only recognised Rajani. I can't say who afterwards was with them besides, or if any one was. I told Chuni the *garwan* had gone to get a carriage, and asked him to assist in getting us one. They went on. The *garwan* finally got a *ghari* and we went on to Baruipur. There might be things with Chuni and Rajani, but I cannot remember.

To Court.—I gave my deposition to the police. This was on 24th or 25th March last. I know Indu Kiron Bhattacharji. He is a student of the Apprentice Department, Sibpur Engineering College (mining student). He was my old class friend and so was Rajani at the Jaynagar Institution. I have passed the Entrance from that school, and the Intermediate in Arts from the Scottish Churches College.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

READ over by witness himself and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

Jitendra Nath Dutta, Prosecution Witness No. 47, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of some accused, as in case of Witness No. 43.

I IDENTIFY Rajani and Chuni as the boys I met when I was in the *ghari*. I talked to them on that occasion Of these people I also know Indu Kiran and Tinkori. I used to study with Indu Kiran, and I also read Bengali with Tinkori, and we live in one place. I know no other here.

Cross-examined by Chuni Lal.—I saw you last *Baisak*, a year ago.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

JITENDRA NATH DUTTA.

READ over to witness in English in presence of above accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Chandi Das Mukerji, Prosecution Witness No. 48, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Chandi Das Mukherji. My father's name is Kedar Nath Mukherji I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Suri, police-station Suri, Zilla Birbhum. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am a C. I. D. Sub-Inspector in the Department No. II.

I went to Darjeeling on information that Lolit Chakravarti was there to arrest him. I arrested him at Darjeeling on 27th October near the railway station. I handed him over to the local police who were present at the time. He was produced in my presence before the Deputy Commissioner. There was a warrant against him on account of the Netra case. He was a proclaimed offender. It had been told us in the usual course of business by my superior officers.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Probodh Chandra Chakravati, Prosecution Witness No. 49, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Probodh Chandra Chakravarti. My father's name is Annada Charan Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Noura, police-station Bangore, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Sangrampur railway station, thana Mogra Hât, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Assistant Station Master. Last April I was also Assistant Station Master there. On the 24th April I was at the station on duty from I think 18 hours to 6 hours. These are my usual hours. I booked a *jatra* party's luggage that day. The Station Master was too old and so I had to help him in the day-time, and I booked the luggage by the 117-Up Passenger leaving our station at 13-54. I have the counterfoil in the book kept for record. Of the other two parts, one is given to the Guard and one to the owner of the luggage. I forgot to bring the book. I had put it out to bring it here to-day, but I was late and I forgot it as I had to run to catch the train.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-4-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-4-10.

Recalled on 25th April 1910 (on solemn affirmation).

I bring the counterfoil of the luggage receipt. This is it (Exhibit 21). I did not know any of the *jatra* party.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

The deposition of Ejahar Haldar, Prosecution Witness No. 50, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Ejahar Haldar. My father's name is Maharuddin Haldar. I am by caste Mussalman. My home is at mauza Nasra, police-station Mogra Hât, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in Deola railway station, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a porter. I am at present on sick leave. In last *Baisak* I was porter at Deola. Some police came to see me. The police was the Daroga Babu of Diamond Harbour. I do not remember the date. He asked me something. I know Netra. I heard there was a dacoity there that month. I heard of it the next day. Seven to eight *bhadralogs* I saw within the railway fencing by a small tank about two *rasis* beyond the platform, at 9 or 9-30 P.M., the night of the day before I heard of the dacoity. It was near the latrine, about a *rasi* from it. They were sitting in a circle. I went by a path close to them.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-4-10.

The deposition of Abinash Chandra Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 51, aged about 49 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Abinash Chandra Banerji. My father's name is Brojan Chandra Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Baranagore, police-station Baranagore, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Bhowanipore, No. 7-1, Chakraberia Road, South. I was Assistant Surgeon of Diamond Harbour last April. I am now on furlough. I remember examining Ramtaran Mitra in April last. I found some abrasion on the left side of his hip. I examined him in the Diamond Harbour Dispensary. The abrasion was caused by friction with some hard rough surface. It might have been caused by being pushed down and falling against a *taktaposh*. I made notes of my examination at the time in the ordinary course of business, and I drew up a report which I sent to the Court Sub-Inspector of Diamond Harbour.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Harendra Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 52, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oaths Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Harendra Nath Ghose. My father's name is Koilash Ch. Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Taragunia, police-station Baduria, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in Calcutta, where I am attached to the C. I. D. as Sub-Inspector. I remember the Netra dacoity. I was at Jaynagar thana then as Sub-Inspector. The dacoity had been committed in the house of Ramtaran Mitra. Under the orders of the District Superintendent of Police, 24-Parganas, I searched the house of Chuni Lal Nandi, of Mozilpur, police-station Jaynagar, which is within my jurisdiction, on 8th November 1909, and I made a list of the properties found and I took possession of some documents, books, and letters. This is the list (Exhibit 8) and these are the papers, etc. [Exhibits 8 (1)—8 (12).] I had witnesses present when I searched. I arrested Satis Ch. Mitter, of Rajpur, police-station Sonarpore, on receiving a warrant on 24th March 1910, and produced him before the Magistrate of Howrah. He is accused in this case.

To Court.—The things found inside his house, some in his box, and some in a rack inside the room he slept in. I identify Satyendra Kumar Bose, who is one of the search witnesses.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Satyendra Kristo Bose, Prosecution Witness No. 53, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Satyendra Kristo Bose. My father's name is Apurbo Kristo Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Mozilpur, police-station Jaynagar, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a zamindar. I know Chuni Lal Nandi of my village. His house was searched in my presence, in November last, by this gentleman (Sub-Inspector Harendra Nath Ghose). Things were found in his bed-room (I think the room was). I was present when they were found, and a list was made in my presence and I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 8) and this is my signature [Exhibit 8 (*a*)] These [Exhibits 8(1)—8(12)] are the things found. The Sub-Inspector took the things into custody.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Rai Chaudhuri, Prosecution Witness No. 54, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Rai Chaudhuri. My father's name is Tarak Chandra Rai Chaudhuri. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at mauza Mulghar, police-station Fakirhat, zilla Khulna. I reside at present at police-station Baruipore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am head constable. Last November I was at Jaynagar as head constable. I arrested Tinkori Das on the 12th November, the night of the *Kali Puja*, at his house, under orders of the officer in charge of my thana. There was no warrant. I took him to the thana and then to Alipore. He is an accused in this case. Tinkori Das's house is in Mozilpur, within Jaynagar thana. He was arrested as being implicated in the Netra dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-4-10.

Read over to him and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-4-10.

The deposition of Asuini Kumar Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 55, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Aswini Kumar Banerji. My father's name is Gopal Chandra Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Jaipur, police-station Lohargara, zilla Jessore. I reside at present in mauza Diamond Harbour, police-station Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Officiating Inspector of the subdivision. I was Court Sub-Inspector of Diamond Harbour in April 1909. As such I had to receive first information reports of cases and other papers from thanas in connection with cases which had to go to the Magistrate. I remember the Netra dacoity. I received the first information on 24th April 1909. This is it (Exhibit No. 6). I give the date from the seal. It was put up before the 2nd officer as the 1st officer was out, and hence his signature (Exhibit 10). The 2nd officer was Chuni Lal Mukerji. A warrant was issued against Lolit Mohon Chakravarti. I put an application for the warrant on 1st June before the 2nd officer and he issued warrant. The warrant, this is it (Exhibit 9), was endorsed to the officer in charge, Diamond Harbour police-station. I signed it This was on 1st June. Subsequently the Sub-Inspector reported for proclamation and attachment order in his final report (Exhibit 11), and the orders were issued by the Subdivisional Officer (Exhibit 12). This (Exhibit 13) and this (Exhibit 14) are the proclamation and attachment orders. They are signed by the 3rd officer, N. K. Rai, for the Subdivisional Officer.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-4-10.

READ over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-4-10.

The deposition of Anukul Chandra Rai, Prosecution Witness No. 56, aged about 41 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Anukul Chandra Rai. My father's name is Kali Prosanno Rai. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at mauza Kuarpore, police-station Palong, zilla Faridpur. I reside at present in Calcutta, where I am an Inspector of Police in the C. I. D., Branch II.

I remember the Netra dacoity. I assisted the local police officer who was actually investigating the case from 11th November 1909 under orders of the Deputy Inspector-General. I on this order went to Diamond Harbour and began my enquiries. The local officer in charge was Sarat Ch. Banerji, Sub-Inspector. I went to him. After making local enquiries on the 14th January 1910, Sarat and I effected the arrest of Rojani Kanta Bhattacharji at Calcutta at No. 38-5, Sukea's Street. There was a warrant for his arrest, issued by the Subdivisional Officer, Diamond Harbour. His quarters were searched, but nothing was taken into custody. No. 38-5, Sukea's Street, is a students' mess. I also arrested Bhupendra Nath Banerji at Joynagore on 20th January 1910, and I had his house searched. He was produced before the District Magistrate, 24-Parganas, and he was remanded to *hajat*.

On 24th March Sub-Inspector Sarat Ch. Banerji and I arrested Chuni Lal Nandi and Indu Kiron Bhattacharji, both accused in this case. There was a warrant for the arrest of Chuni Lal. We produced them before the District Magistrate of Howrah. I examined several witnesses in this case between the 11th November 1909 and the 13th April 1910. Most of them have been examined in this case.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Dijendra Nath Adhurju, Prosecution Witness No. 57, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is Dijendra Nath Adhurju. My father's name is Bhola Nath Adhurju. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Bankura, police-station Bankura, zilla Bankura. I reside at present in Alipur, 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector, Alipur Reserve.

I was 2nd officer of the Diamond Harbour thana in April 1909. My senior officer was Sarat Chandra Banerji. I heard of the dacoity at Notra on 24th April 1909. I went over with the senior Sub-Inspector to help him in the investigation on the 24th April. On 25th I was sent by the senior Sub-Inspector to go to Calcutta and search for Lolit Mohon Chakravarti. I went to Calcutta and informed the C. I. D. of Bengal and Calcutta and went to No. 46, Mechua Bazar, to search it, as it was known to us that Lolit used to reside there. He was not found. It is a mess. I examined Akhil Fakir who works in the railway. This was on the 4th May. He belongs to Deola station.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Mr. F. N. Warden, Prosecution Witness No. 58, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of April 1910.

My name is F. N. Warden. I reside at present in Calcutta, where I am Superintendent of Police, 24-Parganas. Netra is within my jurisdiction. I remember there was a dacoity at Netra between the 20th and 26th April last year. I went to the village of Netra and to the house where the dacoity took place. I think Sarat Chandra Banerji was present, but am not certain. It might have been one of the junior Sub-Inspectors, who were also helping in investigating the case. I went into the house and saw safes and boxes broken. I saw the property scattered about the floor. This was on the 26th April that I went there. I got certain information that some exhibits had been picked up between Deola station and the village. I therefore went to the spot where the exhibits were picked up. It was an ordinary *dhan khet* without any crops on it then. It was about a mile east of complainant's house. I searched the ground to see if there were any other indications of the dacoits having been there, and I found some bits of paper, leaves and sweetmeats lying there, which had not been collected. I ordered the Sub-Inspector to collect all, specially the bits of paper. I picked up most of the bits of paper myself and gave them to the Sub-Inspector. I then left the spot. I simply saw there was printed writing on the bits of paper. They were similar to these (Exhibit 15), but I cannot say if these are the exact ones.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

20-4-10.

The deposition of Babu Shyama Charan Mitter, Prosecution Witness No. 59, aged about 58 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Ducal, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Shyama Charan Mitter. My father's name is
My home is in Calcutta, where I reside, and where I am a Deputy Magistrate on leave.

On 26th March I was a Deputy Magistrate at Howrah. I was present at a search conducted by Mr. Craig, Superintendent of Police, in a tank known as Nilmadhab Banerji's *pukur* in Chaudhuripara, in Sibpur, to the south of Nilmadhab Banerji's house. An old sword-hilt was found by a diver. There were two divers employed, and one, whose name is Tikan Molla, of Salkea, found it. This is the sword-hilt. I signed on the ticket at the time, and I identify my signature. I also signed the search-list, and this is my signature. The search-list was made at the time in my presence, and I read it before I signed it and it was correct.

Exhibit VIII.
(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-4-10.

Exhibit 16 and Exhibit 16 (a).
(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) SHYAMA CHARAN MITTER.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) SRI KRISTA CHARAN KARMAKAR.

READ over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-4-10.

The deposition of Mr. T. J. A. Craig, Prosecution Witness No. 60, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Thomas Joseph Alexander Craig. I reside at present in Howrah, where I am Superintendent of Police.

On the 26th March last I was present at a search. I prepared a search-list at the time. This is it (Exhibit 16). The search was in a tank in front of Nilmadhab Banerji's house in Chaudhuripara, about 30 or 40 yards to the east of Bhuban Mukherji's house. Bhuban is an accused in this case. The search was conducted in the presence of Shyama Charan Mitra, Deputy Magistrate. Two divers went into the tank, and they found an old hilt of a *talwar*. This is the hilt of the *talwar* (Exhibit VIII). This is my signature on the search-list [Exhibit 16 (*b*)]. I scratched my initial on the hilt and had it initialled by Babu S. C. Mitra (shows). I made it over to the Sub-Inspector of Sibpur.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) T. J. A. Craig.
25-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

The deposition of Surendra Nath Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 61, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Surendra Nath Bandopadhya. My father's name is Moti Lal Bandopadhaya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kulokash, police-station Krishtanagore, zilla Hooghly. I reside at present in mauza Chaudhuripara, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am a lineo-corrector in the *Empire* newspaper. I have been in Chaudhuripara since I was six months old. I live at No. 18 (I think this is the number). I know Nani Gopal Gupta, of Chaudhuripara; also Bhuban Mukherji and his brother, Bhutan. I do not know Jogesh. I have heard of a "Madari," but unless I see, I cannot say if I know him. I know Noni, Bhuban, and Bhutan, as they live near me. I know Sadhan Bhattacharji and Ashu Banerji. They all live near. There is no *akhara* in our quarter. Before there was a place in a garden of Noni Babu's, which is just in front of his *boitakhana*, where there was wrestling. There was a very dark strong *pulwan*, who used to live there. This has been going on five years ago. It did not go on for long. I saw Nani Gopal wrestle, and I think Sadhan, too. Those who wrestled were *bhadralog chogras*. After the wrestling, about three years ago, in another garden close to his house, also belonging to Noni Gopal, there used to be wrestling, playing with Indian clubs, and *lathi*-play with long *lathis*. I used to see this on Sundays and holidays. It was Noni Gopal's *akhara* and I saw him there, but have not seen him play. I saw Bhuban also frequent the place, also Sadhan. Ten or 12 *bhadralog chogras* used to collect from our *para* and from other places too.

Once, a long time ago, seven or eight years since I saw Sadhan at the Bhujangapukur Ghat with a dagger in his hand. I have seen Noni, and the others I have named, also sitting together at that ghat during the last two or three years, at the time of my return from office frequently. I might be able to identify others who used to be with them, if I saw them. The *akhara* I do not see now, nor do I see them now sitting at the ghat.

I can see all the men's houses which I have named when sitting at my house, except Bhuban's, which is near, but a little on one side.

The *akhara* where the *lathi*-play occurred was called by them their *samiti*.

(Sd.) Surendra Nath Banerji.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Surendra Nath Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 61, recalled on 4th June 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I identify here Bhuban Mohan Mukherji, Nani Gopal Gupta, and Kristadhan Mukherji, who is also called Bhutan. I have not seen Bhutan or Bhuban play or wrestle, but I have seen this man, Nani Gupta, and this boy, whose name I do not know (shows Madaru), playing there. I have seen Bhuban looking on and sitting there. In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 58.

Cross-examined by Madaru.—The *samiti* was by Prosanna Haldar *mudi's* shop. I saw Madaru wrestling. I cannot say with whom. I did not know where Madaru lives. He came from the direction of Dinu Doctor's house. I do not know who are the members.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Surendra Nath Banerji.

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Kristo Kamar, Prosecution Witness No. 62, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Kristo Kamar. My father's name is Bandhu Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Dhamrai, police-station Sabar, zilla Dacca. I reside at present in mauza Dharamtola, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am a goldsmith.

I have lived here about eight or nine months. When I came first I was employed in the shop of Jamini Karmakar, my fellow-countryman. I came about last *Pujas* here. One night soon after my arrival I was sitting on the shop verandah and was changing the water of my *hookah*. That was at 9 or 9-30. At the time some people were passing. They were Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji, Bhuban Mukherji, Kishori Mukherji, and Noni Gopal Boidya. Some of the water of the *hookah* spurted on to them. They began to abuse, saying, "*Sala*, can't you see?" They came from the east. I did not know them before. I got to know their names owing to a case. There is a timber yard near, and they brought pieces of wood and hit me on the head (shows a scar on the top of his head) and on the arm (shows a big mark on his left elbow). I was a month and a half in hospital, and I had had to undergo an operation for my arm. I was also hit on the back (shows a mark, too). All joined in beating me. Bhuban hit me on the head and arm. I brought a case that same night, and was sent to hospital. I was too poor to prosecute the case, and they paid me money and the case was compromised. When I went to the thana my master went with me, and he gave the names of my assailants. My master, Jamini, lived on his own land. After the *marpit* I came to know these people. I did not see them after I left hospital. I do not know Noni Gopal's house. I know Khetra Boidya's house. I do not go there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

Kristo Kumar, Prosecution Witness No. 62, recalled on 4th June 1910 on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 62.

OF those who assaulted me I recognise here this man. His name is Bhuban Mukherji. I do not know any one else here as being concerned in the compromise of that case.

To Court.—I know Nani Gopal Sen Gupta. I can't exactly say, but I think this man (shows Nani Gopal) is he. He did not assault me. He was with Bhuban at the time of assault.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI KRISTA CHARAN KARMAKAR (*in Bengali*).

READ over in Bengali to witness in presence of accused as shown.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Kumud Nath Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 63, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Kumud Nath Chakravarti. My father's name is Tarachand Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Jodhupur, police-station Ghatal, zilla Midnapore. I reside at present at Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am a Head Constable.

On 13th October I recorded with my own hand in the station diary a complaint by Kristo Kumar, of Dharamtola. This is the entry (Exhibit 17). I referred him to Court and sent him to hospital. There were two or three people with him. He himself gave me the names. The number of the entry is 572 of 13th October, time 10-45 P.M.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

READ over in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

The deposition of Jamini Karmakar, Prosecution Witness No. 64, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Jamini Kanta Karmakar. My father's name is Hari Charan Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Majpara, police-station Srinagar, zilla Dacca. I reside at present in mauza Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am a shopkeeper.

I have been here 15 or 16 years, and I have a gold and silversmith's shop. Kristo Kumar was in my employ at the time of the last *Pujas*. He was then assaulted by Sadhan Bhattacharji, Kishori Mukherji, and Bhuban Mukherji. There were others with them. I took Kristo in a *ghari* to the thana where we complained, and I then took him to hospital. I gave the names of the accused to the police. The case was compromised by their paying Kristo.

I know Sarna Bewa. She lives across the road opposite to the timber yard next to my shop. The timber yard belongs to Jogin Mukerji and Nani Ghosal. I do not know Nani Ghosal's house. Sarna came to my house after 15 or 16 days after the *mara-mari*. She brought some things to show me. She showed me two: how many she had in the palm of her hand I do not remember. I do not know what the things were. At the bottom there was brass, but she might have thought they were gold. They were like this (a cartridge shown him), but the brass did not go up so high, and they were smaller than this (cartridge shown is a ·450). I told her they were worthless, and she could throw them away. She told me she had found them at the ghat of the tank which is behind my shop. I know Khetra Boidya and Nani Gupta, his son. This tank is the distance of here to the cutcherry or a little less (200 yards) from their house to the south-east of their house. The timber yard now belongs to Jogin and Noni Ghosal; it used to belong to Khetra Gupta, father of Noni Gupta. At the time of the *marpit* there were old and new pieces of wood in the timber yard. My shop is rented from Khetra Gupta. I do work for him.

There is a "*Swadeshi* Store" shop just to the west of my shop. It is still there. There is sold *ghee*, *ata*, salt, flour, etc. It has been there about three years. It is owned by a large number of sharers, of whom I know Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji, Anukul Banerji, Fakir Lal Pal, Bhola Nath Pal; and there are others besides. There is also one Bholanath Mukerji. A son of Satya Chatterji has a share, too. The sirkar of the shop was Gostho. He is not there now. He left at the end of *Chait*. I know the Bhujanga tank. It has a ghat. I have seen many people sitting there; many of the *pura* people sit there. I have seen Bhuban Mukherji and his brother and Hari Sadhan, Anukul, Noni Gopal Gupta, and many people sit there. I have seen two people I have named sitting, too, at Noni's *boitakkhana*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

Jamini Kamar, Prosecution Witness No. 64, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused as in case of Witness No. 63.

I identify this man Bhuban Mukherji and this man Nani Gupta and this man (shows Bhutan). I do not remember his name. I know this man (Madaru).

Bhuban was concerned in the beating of Krista Kamar. He beat him. Noni Gopal and this man (Bhutan) came afterwards, with a large number of other people. I have seen all these men at times at the Bhujanga ghat. Nani Gopal's father is my landlord.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Jamini Kanta Karmakar (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Sarna Bewa, Prosecution Witness No. 65, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Sarna Bewa. My father's name is Braja Mohon Kaibarta. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Kharat-Udaigunge, police-station Ghatal, zilla Midnapore. I reside at present in mauza Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am unemployed.

I know this man Jamini Karmakar and his shop. Last *Kartik* I showed him some bright things shining, about the length of my fingers, and the size of a sweet plum. They are like this (cartridge shown), but brighter and thicker. They shone very much. There were five or six of them, and I thought they might be gold; so I took them to the goldsmith to be tested. I had found them at the ghat of a tank near my house. It is at the back of the timber yard, next to the goldsmith's shop. I go by the side of the timber yard to get to the ghat. The goldsmith said they were worth nothing, and might be thrown away. They were found in about a hand's length depth of water, and were glittering on the earth. I threw them away into a big drain, which is on the road side, and which we have to cross to get into Jamini's shop.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-1-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval
25-4-10.

The deposition of Manmatha N. Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 66, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Monmatha N. Ghose. My father's name is Dwarka N. Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Barajagulia, police-station Chakda, zilla Nadia. I reside at present in mauza Howrah, where I am a C. I. D. Sub-Inspector.

I conducted searches in the month of March last. I searched the tank of Nilmadhab Banerji, of Sibpur, Chaudhuripara, on 30th March last in presence of Sub-Deputy Magistrate Babu Mahatap Ch. Ghose, and I found this *bhujali* (Exhibit IX). The tank is 66 cubits to the east of the house of accused, Bhuban and Bhutan. There is one big tree (a *panchabati*) between the house and the tank only. I prepared a search list. This is it. I signed it here. I searched the tank called Hedua on 20th April last in presence of Babu Mahatap Ch. Ghose, and I found this flask (Exhibit X), this sickle (Exhibit XI), and this head of an axe (Exhibit XII). This tank had been pumped dry. The other tank was not dry, but divers got me the *bhujali*. (Exhibit IX). The Hedua tank is to the east side of the house of Nani Gopal Gupta, and about 50 yards away. This is the search list (Exhibit 19). I signed it [Exhibit 19 *(a)*]. The Hedua tank is just next to the Bhujanga tank, and is only separated from it by a ridge. Bhujanga tank is between Nani's house and the Hedua tank.

Exhibit 18 and Exhibit 18(a).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) Manmatha Nath Ghose.
25-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

Monmatha Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 66, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the properties left by Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya in his lodging in the boarding house of the Sibpur Engineering College. The Mess Superintendent and a fellow-lodger pointed out his belongings to me. A list of what I found was correctly prepared, and I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 124).

These Exhibits [124 (1) and 124 (2)] are No. 7 of the list, and this [Exhibit 124 (3)] is No. 22 of the list. These [Exhibit 124 (4)] are the rest of the papers found, being 22 items.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Manmatha Nath Ghose,
Sub-Inspector.
4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Manmatha Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 66, recalled on 30th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I KNOW Ramdas Chakarvarti, of Bankura. I searched his house at Kanaipur, within police-station Joyrampur, district Bankura, on 6th November 1909. I prepared this search list (Exhibit 235) and found this photo, which contains the portrait of Ramdas Chakarvarti, Soilen Das, Nirmal Chandra Mukerji, whom I know, and others [Exhibit 235 (1)] (shows Ramdas 7th from right, Nirmal last on left, Soilen 5th from left).

I searched for Narendra Nath Chatterji and Satis Sirkar, who are absconding in this case, but could not find them.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) MANMATHA NATH GHOSE.
30-6-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Babu Mahatap Ch. Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 67, aged ,
taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873,
before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Mahatap Ch. Ghose. My father's name is Mohim Ch. Ghose. I am by caste, etc., etc. I reside at Howrah, where I am a Sub-Deputy Collector.

I was present at the search at 11-30 A.M. on the 30th March at a tank in Chaudhuripara. Four divers were engaged in the search, and it went on till 1 P.M. This *bhujali* (Exhibit IX) was found. I marked it M on the blade. A search list was prepared by the Sub-Inspector, and I signed it [Exhibit 18 (*b*)].

On 20th April I was present at a search at Chaudhuripara at the Hedua tank from 11-30 to 1-30 P.M. The tank had been pumped dry before I went there. The fishes were taken by the lessees. Twenty coolies were engaged, and they found in the mud the following—a flask, an axe, and a sickle. These are them (Exhibits X, XI, XII). I marked them with a mark M on each. A list was prepared by the Sub-Inspector, and was signed by me [Exhibit 19 (*b*)].

The search was continued on the 21st, but nothing was found. On the 22nd the search was continued from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M., and this was found, a brass lock made by Bonmali of Titaghar. This is it (Exhibit XIII). I marked it M. This knife (Exhibit XIV) was found. I marked it, and a tin cylinder (Exhibit XV) closed at one end (Exhibit XV) was in the mud knee-deep. The list was prepared by Ram Singh, Inspector. I signed it. This is the list (Exhibit 20), and this is my signature [Exhibit 20 (*a*).]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

(Sd.) Mahatap Ch. Ghose.

25-4-10.

Read over in English to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

The deposition of Jotindra N. Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 68, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Jotindra N. Chatterji. My father's name is Narain Ch. Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present. I am unemployed at present.

I was formerly in the Port Commissioners' office as a clerk in the Accounts Department. I live at Mukerjipara in Sibpur. I know Chaudhuripara. It is about half a mile from Mukerjipara. I know people of Chaudhuripara. I know Devendra Nath Chaudhuri, who was my school friend. I know Nani Gopal Gupta, of Chaudhuripara. I have known him from my childhood. I have land at Mukerjipara, but not at Chaudhuripara. Nani Gopal lives between Mukerjipara and Chaudhuripara. I have let out my land at Mukerjipara at present to Behari Lal Mukerji, son of the late Babu Ram Chandra Mukerji. It was his land formerly and, owing to some transaction, it came to us. Before that I let it out, having an understanding with Bepin Behari Mukerji, but I actually received the rent from Nani Gopal Gupta. The land is one and a half bighas in area. It was used as a play-ground. I wanted an older man to be responsible for the rent, and so Bepin was responsible; but Nani actually paid the rent. I only went two or three times during the tenancy there. I saw boys doing *lathi*-play, tug-of-war, *don kara*, etc. I went there to get my rent. I saw many young boys there. I saw Nani Gopal, too. I saw also one called Bhola, and some young boys of Dakhinpara. I could recognise the boys if I saw them. I saw no sword-play there. The play-ground was called the *Anusilan Samiti*. When Bepin came and made the understanding with me, Nani was with him. This tenancy was from 1906 to 1907. I turned them out when the Government proclamation was issued against *samitis*, as it was not safe to keep them on my land.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

(Sd.) Jotindra Nath Chatterji.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Witness, after the case is concluded for the day, comes up and says he made a mistake and that Gopal Ch. Mukherji, the brother of Behari Lal Mukerji, is the man in whose name the lease now stands.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Jotindra Nath Chatterji, Witness No. 68, recalled on 11th July 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I identify this man. He is nicknamed Bhuna (shows Bhuban Mukherji), this man Nani Gopal Gupta, this man (Bhutan) he is called Bhutna, this man (Bistupoda Chatterji), he is Bistupoda Chatterji. I have seen the other (Jogesh Mitter) several times in the street in Sibpur. Nani had the *akra* on my land. He paid the rent.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

11-7-10.

(Sd.) Jotindra Nath Chatterji.

11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Makham Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 69, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Makham Lal Mukherji. My father's name is Gurudoyal Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Amlokhitala Lane, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a viceman. At present I am sitting idle owing to illness. There was in Ram Mohon Mukherji's land a *samiti* called the *Anusilan Samiti*. It is not there now. I know one or two of the members, Nani Gopal Gupta, Bhuban Ch. Mukherji, and others, by sight. If I saw them I could say. I know Madaru. He is Surendra N. Bose's sister's son. I can't say if he was a member. Satya Chatterji has a large number of sons. I know Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji. I know Bhuban's brother. He is nicknamed Bhutan. There were at the place wrestling, *lathi*-play, and the play which Mussalmans do at *Moharrum* with stick (*bhakari*) in one hand, and a sort of shield or cloth protection in the other hand. I saw those I have named doing this. They were all *bhadralogs'* sons. I never saw anyone teaching the boys. One day I saw an up-country man, a western-country man: he was very muscular and fine-looking, and he had a straw hat. He had a moustache. He had black pair of trousers and a striped coat. There were about 2,000 people looking on. I think he had been brought there to make an exhibition of his play. He could not talk Bengali. He talked in English with the *bhadralogs'* boys. He talked with Nani Gopal and Bhuban. Bhuban is the son-in-law of my mother's sister. I had *jogra* with him, and have nothing to do with him now.

There was, I heard, a dacoity in Sibpur. I heard it two or three days after it occurred. Before it there was an occurrence at Bhujanga Ghat. I was beaten by some people there on the road by the ghat, but I could identify none. I was coming along with a small *lathi* in my hand. It was at 10-30 P.M. I was hitting the ground with my stick. There were two or four people at the ghat. I was not well. Nani and Bhuban were there, and some others, whom I do not know, were with them. Bhuban came and seized my *lathi*, snatched it from my hand, and went off to his house with it. The others left the ghat. I called for them to give me back my *lathi*. None answered, so I abused them. Thereupon some people came up and beat me on the side of my head. I fell. I got up with difficulty, and then four or five *chogras* came from behind, and I fled, and they pursued, and I got hit with *lathis* once or twice on the back.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-4-10.

(Sd.) Makhom Lall Mukerji.

Makham Lal Mukerji, Prosecution Witness No. 69, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 68.

I know these four men of the people here. They are Bhuban Mohan Mukerji, Madaru, Nani Gopal Gupta, and Bhutan Mukerji. They all live at Sibpur. I know Bhuban and Nani Gopal to have been members of the *samiti*. Bhuban once seized my *lathi* from me.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Makhom Lall Mukerji.

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Benode Behari Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 70, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Benode Behari Banerji. My father's name is Chuni Lal Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Sriharinawpara, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a shopkeeper. I have a *mudi* shop at my house. I know Noni Gopal Gupta, Bhuban, Bhotan, Naren Chatterji, and Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji. They all live in Chaudhuripara. There was a *samiti*, the *Anusilan Samiti*, in front of Ram Chandra Mukherji's house on the land of Narain Chandra Chatterji. There were *lathi*-play and wrestling. Narain is father of Jotindra. I have seen Noni, Bhuban, and Naren, of those I have named, playing there. Forty or 50 boys played there. They were *bhadralogs'* sons. The *samiti* has been closed since there was a great *golmal* about *swadeshi*. I know Nobin Mukherji. There was a meeting at his house about the time when lectures were being given on *swadeshi*. Three thousand or 4,000 people were assembled. The people of this *samiti* were there. Surendra Nath Banerji attended the Committee. Two boys showed dagger-play. I saw no *lathi*-play there. One man stood on the *puja dulan*, and, I think, he brought the two boys with him. He was a well-built, dark man. He was a Bengali gentleman. I do not think I could identify him.

(Sd.) Benode Behary Banerji. (Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Benode Behari Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 70, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Nani Gopal, Bhuban, Bhutan of those here. I have seen them and many others attending the *samiti*. In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 45.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Benode Behary Banerji.

Read over to witness in presence of accused as above and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Annada Das, Prosecution Witness No. 71, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Annada Das. My father's name is Kristo Das. I am by caste Kaibarta, My home is at mauza Sriharinawpara, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a carpenter.

I know Khirode Ch. Sen. I live quite close to him. About two years ago there was something in the nature of a dacoity at his house. When I first heard the *golmal* I got up and went up to the verandah of the house and asked what had occurred. I saw a man standing near the door with a torch in one hand and a sword in the other. Another was walking about up and down with a torch and a sword. The man by the door said to me, "*Admi ata.*" Then the other man came to hit me with his sword. I fled. I called my neighbours, but none got up. After a time a Brahmin's son, called Kedar, came out, and I and he went to the place with my son; but when we got there, the dacoits had gone. I did not go in. Khirode told me that they had beaten him and taken something away. I could not identify the men outside. They had *pugris* on. The man who was walking up and down came down from the *rak* to strike me; and as he did so, his false beard fell off. That man seemed to be like the man who was arrested in that case, and who was brought under arrest to our village. His house is by the side of the house dacoited. I now remember he was called Bhola. The dacoits were *bhadralogs'* sons. They were young men.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

The deposition of Brindaban Ch. Haldar, Prosecution Witness No. 72, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Brindaban Ch. Haldar. My father's name is Govinda Ch. Haldar. I am by caste Brahmin. My house is at mauza Sriharinawpara, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am assistant tax-collector, Howrah Municipality. I know Noni Gopal Sen Gupta and Bhola, also Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji; he is Rupram Bhattacharji's grandson. I also know Ashu Banerji, son of Jadhu Banerji. I also know the eldest son of Ram Mazumdar, but do not know his name, also the son of Benode Chatterji. They all live at Sibpur. I know them as I have seen them sitting together at the Bhujanga Ghat in the morning and evening. The ghat is on the road I pass I can't say whether they oppressed anyone.

There was a dacoity at Sibpur. I heard of it the morning after it occurred.

(Sd.) BRINDABUN CH. HALDAR. (Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

READ over in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-4-10.

Brindaban Chandra Haldar, Prosecution Witness No. 72, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY three of these people. I cannot say their names. This man, he is son of Dinu Babu (Bhuban Mukerji), and this man, he is son of Khetra Gupta (Nani Gopal Sen Gupta), and this man, another son of Dinu Babu (Bhutan Mukerji). I have sometimes seen them going about and sitting together. They had other people with them. In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 68.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) BRINDABAN CH. HALDAR.

4-6-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Hari Bhusan Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 73, aged about
taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Hari Bhusan Mukherji. My father's name is Ram Lal Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza 4, Kerypukur Lane, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present. I am a typist under Messrs. Burn & Co. at Howrah. I know Noni Gopal Gupta, Bhutan, Bhola, Bhuban, Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji, Bistupada Chatterji, son of Satya. There there was a *samiti* called the *Anusilan Samiti* on the land in front of the house of Ram Mohan Mukherji. There were *lathi*-play, wrestling, and so on. I have seen Noni, Bhola, and Hari Sadhan standing and looking on when I have been passing There were 50 or 60 men collected. There was also drill. I do not know who drilled them. I might be able to identify others.

I know Bhujanga Ghat. I have seen Noni and the others sitting there, too.

There was a dacoity in Sibpur. I saw no one at Noni Gopal's on the night it occurred.

I was once threatened by Bhola for buying *bilati* goods. This was at the time of the *swadeshi* agitation.

(Sd.) Hari Bhuson Mookerjee. (Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Hari Bhusan Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 73, recalled, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 48.

I identify here this man. He is Nani Gupta. I do not know the names of these two men, but I recognise them (shows Bhuban and Bhutan Mukerji). I have seen them all sitting together at the Bhujanga Ghat. I saw Nani Gupta at the *Anusilan Samiti*. I cannot say if he was a member or outsider.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Hari Bhuson Mookerjee.

Read over in English and Bengali to witness in presence of accused as above and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

Hari Bhusan Mukherji, Witness No. 73, recalled on 11th July 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I do not identify this man (Bistupada Chatterji). I know the name of Bistupada Chatterji only.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

11-7-10.

(Sd.) Hari Bhuson Mookerjee.

11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Lolit Mohan Karmakar, Prosecution Witness, No. 74, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of April 1910.

My name is Lolit Mohan Karmakar. My father's name is Rajkisore Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Chaudhuripara, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a goldsmith

I have lived at Sibpur for 16 or 17 years. I know Bhuban and Bhutan. I live quite close to them. I do not know Naren Chatterji. I know Nani Gupta and Madaru. He had a rented house at one time next to mine. I do not know Bistupada Chatterji, but I know Hari Sadhan Bhattacharji. There was the *Anusilan Samiti* in Sibpur. I never saw it. I have seen the men I have mentioned together at the ghat of the Bhujanga tank; also I saw them at Nani's house. They used to visit Bhuban's house, too. I have seen them only with *lathis*. They also used to sing *swadeshi* songs in procession. Bhuban and Bhutan used to leave their houses at times.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-4-10.

Lolit Mohan Karmakar, Prosecution Witness No. 74, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused as in case of Witness No. 49.

There was an *Anusilan Samiti* in Sibpur. I know some people here, but if they were members I cannot say.

I identify here Nani Gopal, Bhuban, Kristadhan, and Madaru. They live close to me. I have seen them associating together.

Cross-examined by Madaru.—I have seen Madaru sitting at the ghat with others only a few times.

Cross-examined by Bhuban.—I have seen Bhuban fishing at that tank nearly daily He has a lease of it. There are fish in the tank.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Lolit Mohan Karmakar (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

The deposition of Gopal Ch. Mukerji, Prosecution Witness No. 75, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Gopal Ch. Mukerji. My father's name is Girish Ch. Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a contractor.

Just on the north side of my house, on the right side as we come out, there used to be an *akra* in a garden. It was called some *samiti*. There boys used to wrestle and play with *lathis* Many boys used to come. I can name—Nani Gupta, Bhola, Bhuban and one of his brothers, the grandson of Rupnarain Bhattacharji (he is Hari Sadhan) and others. Bhola is also called Naren Chatterji. I saw they used to come to play in the garden. The boys came from Sibpur and from other places as well. One day there was a great display and a big crowd, and on that day in the morning a picture was brought and it was worshipped. I was only passing, and I did not see what the picture was. Bhutnath Bhattacharji, uncle of Hari Sadhan, made *puja*.

The *samiti* was there about one and a half years. After that the owner of the garden said he would not allow them to stay there, as some law had been passed. I have now taken the lease of the garden. On the anniversary of the *samiti*, on the day of the *puja* I have spoken of before, in the evening there was a great crowd. Kali Prasanna Mazumdar was there. He is an Assistant Engineer on pension. Sarat Banerji, uncle of Naren, and a pensioned Extra Assistant Commissioner were there. All the *para* were there. All the respectable inhabitants were there. There were wrestling, *lathi*-play and tug-of-war, etc. I cannot say what anniversary it was. The *samiti* came to an end soon after. It was not in the cold weather. I took the garden myself in January last, but they left it when the law was passed.

(Sd.) GOPAL CH. MOOKERJI.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over to witness in English and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

Gopal Chandra Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 75, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In presence of accused as in case of Witness No. 45.

I IDENTIFY Noni Gopal, Bhuban and Bhutan (the sons of Dinu Babu) and Madaru. I do not know which is Bhuban and which Bhutan. I have seen Nani standing in the garden opposite my house and directing play. I have seen Madaru play too—*lathi*-play, tug-of-war, gymnastics, and wrestling. I have seen this man (Bhuban) regularly sitting in Nani's *boitakkhana*.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) GOPAL CH. MOOKERJI.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Shambhu Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No 76, aged about 19 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Shambhu Nath Chatterji. My father's name is Surja Kumar Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Udainarainpur, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah. I reside at present in mauza Serampur, police-station Serampur, zilla Hooghly, where I am a dealer in lime.

I have been in business at Serampur about a year. I live both there and at Udainarainpur. I know Shibu Hazra, Jotin Hazra, and Dasarathi Chatterji. They live at Kurchi. I know Bhuto Boidya; his real name is Bhutnath Boidya. Shibu, Jotin, and Dasu used regularly to visit him. Two or four others used to come with them from time to time The others were "*bideshi* people." They used all to go from time to time from there to Kurchi. My tank is just by Bhuto's house, and I used to go there to catch fish, and used to see them talking at the house. When they saw me they stopped talking. Nasiram Chatterji is my uncle. He has a revolver and two double-barrelled guns. Bhuto once asked me to lend him a revolver. This was after the Morehal dacoity. I said, "My uncle has the pass. How can I lend it ?" Then he offered me Rs. 15 and a feed of *luchis*. I refused, and said I had not the key of the drawer in which it was.

Bhuto has a brother-in-law who used to come to the village. I did not know him. People said he was a brother-in-law. If I saw him, I could say whether I could identify him.

It was about the time of the Morehal dacoity that I saw the people going to Boidya's house. After that time, too, I saw people come in the evening, but they were not there next morning.

My house is 200 or 250 cubits from Bhuto's. Nasiram, my uncle, and I live in the same house. Bhuto's house is right on the tank, about 22 cubits from it. Bhuto used to come and sit and talk to me when I was fishing. I did not go to his house. It was on three occasions he spoke to me there about giving the revolver. He also came on one occasion to my house at night, and asked for it, saying he would return it before sunrise and so no one could know. He said he had special need for it. I told Nasiram, and he told me to inform at the thana. I did so. After the conversation I had, I came to Calcutta, and after my return home about one or one and a half months after, I told my uncle, and he sent me to the thana. I told the writer-constable of Singti thana. He is a Bengali Hindu. This was two and a half months ago. He also asked me for the revolver again about one month ago, and my uncle was annoyed with me. He sent me for Bhuto on two or four occasions, but I could not find him at home.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

(Sd.) SRI SHAMBHU NATH CHATTOPADHAYAY (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

Shambhu Nath Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 76, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of certain accused.

I IDENTIFY this man (Dasu Chatterji), and this man—he is Shibu Hazra. (He identifies Bhusan Chandra Mitra.)

Cross-examined by Dasu.—I have seen Dasu at Bhutnath Boidya's house. I live about half a mile from Dasu. I have seen him with Bhutnath. I have seen him, too, at my house once at *puja* time.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI SHAMBHU NATH CHATTERJI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Nitai Dwari, Prosecution Witness No. 77, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Nitai Dwari. My father's name is Modhusudan Dwari. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

There was a dacoity in our country, at Morehal, one and a half or two miles from our village. It was three years or two and a half years ago. I have a cultivation of water-melons and *kakur*. I have to watch them at night. Once before—in the *Jaistha* before the Morehal dacoity—Shibu, Jotin and another man came to my hut about 2 *prahars* or 9 *garris* of night. It was a dark night, and it was drizzling. They came, and I heard them shouting, "Who are in the hut?" I and Hari Dhara were in the hut. We had a lamp in it. We woke up and opened the door, and they said, "Let us in. Give us some room and tobacco." I asked them, and they said they had called at other huts and got no reply, and so they came to my small hut. It was by the road. I said there was no room for them. They insisted on staying, owing to rain. Then the light was lit. Shibu said he was Kedar's son—of Kurchi. After the light was lit, I could see who they were. They had their smoke. They said they were thirsty, and they had a water-melon. I had asked them where they had been that time of night, and they said Jehanatad. Their clothes were wet. They had shirts and *pugris* and *dhotis malkocha* fashion. Shibu was taking off his wet clothes, and as he lifted his shirt, something fell out. I said, "What is that that is fallen?" He said, "It is a pistol." I said, "Where have you been at this time of night with a pistol?" After the rain stopped they went on. I have known Shibu and Jotin for many year.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

Nitai Dwari, Prosecution Witness No. 77, recalled on 13th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of certain accused.

I IDENTIFY Shibu Hazra and Jotin Hazra.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

READ over in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Ramhari Adhikari, Prosecution Witness No. 78, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Ramhari Adhikari. My father's name is Ananda Ch. Adhikari. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Boira Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

I know Dasu Chatterji, Jotin and Sibu Hazra, also Hari Adhikari, Atul Pal and Satya Banerji. They all live at Kurchi. I live at Boira Kurchi, about one-fourth mile away. I have known them for a long time. There is a Kalitala in our village where *puja* is given to Kali. I saw *lathi*-play there. I saw all these, whose names I have given, playing there. I saw them do this before the Morehal dacoity, but not after. I have seen them at least 10 or 15 times playing there. A man used to come and teach them Haripada engaged a durwan to teach them. The durwan was not a countryman of ours, nor do I know where he came from. I do not know where he went after the dacoity. He was there about eight months before the Morehal dacoity. Two or three people came there too, one of whom was pox-marked. He used to come with the others to the house of Abinash Chaudhuri, who lives just close to me. The man with marks of small-pox used to wear something over his hand. The other man had a watch on his wrist. I saw them come to Abinash's before the Morehal dacoity, and once or twice after it. I know Bhuto Boidya. He lives at Udainarainpur. Those whom I have named used to go to his house, and Bhuto used to come to Dasurathi's house and sing and play there with others; he was also present at the time of *lathi*-play.

I know Krista Ghose, of Dakhin Singti. My maternal uncle lived at Dakhin Singti, and I used, when I went there, to see them also frequenting Krista's house. This was before the Morehal dacoity. After this dacoity they used also to go to Abinash's and Krista's houses, but it was at night and secretly. This was after they were released.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL
26-4-10.

Ramhari Adhikari, Prosecution Witness No. 78, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Jotin, Shibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Hari Adhikari, and Dasurathi Chatterji. They are of my country. I have said what I know about them in my evidence before.

[*No cross-examination*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI RAMHARI ADHIKARI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused as shown in order-sheet.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Dukhiram Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 79, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Dukhiram Banerji. My father's name is Ramtarak Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalikapur, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a *lakhrajdar* and a cultivator. I live quite close to Nitai Singh Rai. Manmatha Chaudhuri lives at Gar Bhawnipur. I also know him Krista Ghose I know; he lives at Dakhin Singti. I have known them all a long time, as they live near There was a place by the south of Nitai's tank,—at the south-west corner of the tank—where there is a piece of waste land, and there used to be *lathi*-play. There was a great deal of play there, and other people besides used to come there. My house is on the road, and they used to tell me they came from Kurchi and were going to Nitai's. The playing place was about two and a half *rasis* from my house, and the people had to pass my house. I know one who came—Krista's uncle's son-in-law,—Shibu. This was all before the Morehal dacoity. After the dacoity some of them were arrested, and there was no more play. I could, I think, identify the *chogras* if I saw them Manmatha was caught at the dacoity. Krista Ghose and Nitai Singh Rai were arrested from their houses.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted by witness as correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Dukhiram Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 79, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation

I identify Manmatha Chaudhuri. I cannot see Shibu Hazra. I have seen him going once or twice by our house only.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sri Dukhiram Bandopadhyaya (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Girish Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 80, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Girish Ghose. My father's name is Rameswar Ghose. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Udainarainpur, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

I know Jotin, Shibu, Hari Adhikari, Dasu, Atul Pal and Bhuto Bcidya. I have known them from the time I remember. I lived near them. I have seen all the others frequently come to Bhuto's house, both before and after the Morehal dacoity. I have also seen Bhuto's brother-in-law, who lives at Sibpur, and whom I can identify there too. I have seen him there when Jotin, Shibu and the others were there, too. I have seen them twice to ten times going to Kurchi. I have seen Bhuto's brother-in-law also going with them thrice or twice to Kurchi. This was before the Morehal dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Girish Charan Ghosh, Prosecution Witness No. 80, recalled on 6th June 1910, in presence of some accused.

I know Dasurathi Chatterji, Atul Pal, Shibu Hazra and Jotin Hazra. They live at Kurchi, and I have said what I know about them before.

[*No cross-examination*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Girish Charan Ghosh.

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Sital Ch. Sen, Prosecution Witness No. 81, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Sital Ch. Sen. My father's name is Jadhunath Sen. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at mauza Udainarainpur, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a Kabiraj.

I know Bhutnath's brother-in-law. I have seen him twice at Bhutnath's house. He lives at Sibpur, in Calcutta. I can identify him, if I see him. I know Dasurathi Chatterji, Shibu and Hari Adhikari. I do not know Jotin Hazra. I have seen Dasu, Shibu and Hari regularly come to Bhutnath's—what about, I can't say. I saw them all there when Bhutnath's brother-in-law was there. I saw them often, on return from my rounds seeing patients, going together to Kurchi. They told me they were going there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

—When Dasu and others came to Bhutnath's, I have seen them with some glass phials. I have seen them with medicine in the phials.

[*To Court on reading over* :

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Sital Chandra Sen, Prosecution Witness No. 81, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I KNOW this man (Pabitra Dutt). He is Shibu. This man (Bhusan Mitra). He is Dasu.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI SITAL SEN (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Mihir Rakhit, Prosecution Witness No. 82, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910

My name is Mihir Rakhit. My father's name is Rajaram Rakhit I am by caste Tamli. My home is at mauza Protapchuk, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I have a *mudi* and cloth shop; and I lend money I pay 28 rupees income-tax. My shop is at Protapchuk. I know Jotin, Shibu, Dasu Chatterji, Hari Adhikari, Atul Pal and Satya Banerji. They are all of one village—Kurchi. I have known them for a long time. I have seen them collected together at Shibu Hazra's and Dasu Chatterji's, all sitting together, two or three times at each place I have seen them when I have been to collect money. Their houses are by the road. In 1315, *Aswin* 28th, there was a *golmal* at my house. Three or two people came to my house. I was sitting in my *sadar*, writing. With me were my *bhais* Hiralal and Surendra Nath. There is a road in front of our house. It was 8 or 9 P.M. Two men came into the house and stood on the *rak* and began whispering. I got up and was going into the house and I saw them standing inside by the main door, and I cried and they ran away People came and asked what had happened. I could not clearly see what sort of people they were. They had shirts on and *pugris* on their heads, made out of thin *chaddars*. I heard no noise of firing. A month or a month and a half before a man came with Shibu Hazra. I do not know him; he had a watch on his left wrist. He came to my shop I asked Shibu who he was, and he said he was a relative. He bought some flour or *ghee* I do not think I could not identify him. I do not remember him now. The chaukidar informed the police about the occurrence of the 28th. He is Bhusan chaukidar.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.

26-4-10

Mihir Lall Rakhit, Prosecution Witness No. 82, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Jotin Hazra, Monmatha Chaudhuri, Shibu Hazra, this man—I forget his name (Atul Pal).

I have seen them at Shibu's house and at Dasurathi's house. I cannot identify Dasurathi here. Then says this man (Dasu) is Dasurathi Chatterji. I have told what I know before

(Sd.) H P. DUVAL.

6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI MIHIR LALL RAKHIT (*in Bengali*).

READ over in Bengali by witness and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

6-6-10

The deposition of Rajani Rakhit, Prosecution Witness No. 83, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Rajani Rakhit. My father's name is Dina Nath Rakhit. I am by caste Tamli. My home is at mauza Protapchuk, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a *mahajan*.

I know Atul Pal and Shibu Hazra. I have seen Krista Ghose and heard his name, but I do not know him. I also know Jotin Hazra, Dasurathi Chatterji, Satya Banerji. I have seen them all together at Dasu Chatterji's, and Jotin Hazra's, and Satya Banerji's shed. Once I saw them at Satya Banerji's drinking liquor, such as is got from a shop. At Dasu Chatterji's I once saw them all sitting, singing and playing music.

I saw them once all sitting at Shibupada Hazra's house, sitting and smoking.

They all go about together. I have seen them thus four to seven times. I always see them together. I have seen them when I have been passing, going on my round to collect money or buy jute and *gur*.

Once at the ghat called Hasrut I saw a *chogra* with a watch on his wrist with Jotin and Shibu. They were coming westwards towards Kurchi. I was then going to Atra-Singti in the east at the time. It was two years ago. I do not think I could now recognise the *chogra* with the watch. There was an occurrence at Mihir Rakhit's house. We heard a cry, and went there and heard that two or three people had fled away from there.

I know Bhutnath Boidya. I once went there to call him to see my father who was ill. There there was a *chogra*. I asked who he was, and Bhutnath said it was his brother-in-law. I could identify him if I saw him. This was before the Morehal dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Rajani Kanta Rakhit, Prosecution Witness No. 83, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I know this man Jotin Hazra, Shibapada Hazra, Atul Pal, Hari Adhikari, and Dasu Chatterji, out of the men shown me. I have seen them at Kurchi and have said before what I know.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Rajani Kanta Rakhit (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Sobharam Adhikari, Prosecution Witness No. 84, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Sobharam Adhikari. My father's name is Akhyl Adhikari. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I residé at present, and where I am a cultivator.

I know Jotin and Shibu Hazra, Dasu Chatterji, Hari Adhikari and Atul Pal. They live at Kurchi. I have seen Jotin and Shibu playing music at Dasu Chatterji's. I have often seen them when I had been to Rakhal Sant's shop, which is near there. Dasu's house is on the road. I know the Kalitala in our village. I have seen these people sometimes sitting there. I have seen them drinking *tari* there. I saw two *chogras* from Calcutta once at Dasu's—one had a watch on his wrist, and the other had his hand wrapped up—why, I do not know. I asked Dasu where they lived. He said they had come to buy jute, and that they lived at Calcutta. I could identify them if I saw them, I think. Haripada Rai once brought a durwan to our country. He was there about one month. He used to play with *lathis* with these boys. He used to do *takuda* for Hari, too. Shibu and Dasu used at times to go away from the village.

Explains that each finger was separate—means he had gloves on.
H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval

26-4-10.

Sovaram Adhikari, Prosecution Witness No. 84, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Shibu Hazra, Jotin Hazra, Atul Pal, Hari Adhikari. I said before about them. I have seen them at Dasu's house. I do not see Dasu here. (Then identifies Dasurathi.)

Cross-examined by Dasu.—(To Dasu.) Now I see you. I identify you.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

6-6-10.

The deposition of Fakir Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 85, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Fakir Chandra Pal. My father's name is Ram Rhiday Pal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a money-lender and dealer in molasses. I know Jotin Hazra, Dasu Chatterji, Atul Pal, Satya Banerji, Krista Ghose, Sivapada Hazra and Hari Adhikari.

Sivapada Hazra is a son of my father's mother's sister. Hari Adhikari is a tenant and debtor of mine. Jotin Hazra is my sister's husband. Dasurathi is the son of my father's *guru*. Atul Pal is a *gnati* of mine.

Sivapada used to work at Watgunge in a shop of Khirode Mukherji or Banerji. He ran away with some cloth and was caught. This I heard only. After he left the shop he returned to our village. This was in 1313 or 1314. After that he did not work. A son of a sirkar of ours, who worked at Kidderpur, had got Siva this employment. The sirkar's son is Sarat Chandra Sirkar. I once went to Kidderpur with one Ram Babu of Howrah. He is Ram Kumar Singh, an Inspector. He took me to the shop to find out what was the real occurrence about the trouble about the cloth. This was in *Bhadro* or *Aswin* last year. I was taken to show him the shop where Sarat Sirkar worked. He also took me to see if I could identify the two boys who came from Calcutta to our village.

Jotin Hazra used to work at a *ganja*-opium shop in Calcutta.

I have seen all the men I have mentioned playing *lathi* with Haripada Rai's durwans; and two *chogras* used to come from Calcutta and play, too. Haripada Rai was a member of the party as well as Haripada Adhikari. They played in the *maidan* in front of Dasurathi's house. They played, too, at the Kalitala. I have also seen them at Satya Banerji's. Krista Ghose is brother-in-law of Shibu. He lives about five miles away. Jotin told me that the names of the Calcutta *chogras* were Krista, and another name that I have forgotten. I think I could probably recognise them. I did not see them at Kidderpur when I went there with the C I. D. One had gloves on, and the other had a watch on the left wrist. The latter was Krista Babu.

Jotin once showed me a revolver. This was before the Morehal dacoity. They used to play *lathi* on moonlight nights, and after that I heard noise as of crackers. I insisted on Jotin telling me what the noise was. Jotin said, after much insistence, "I will show you, but you must say nothing." Then he showed me a revolver, and said that he and his members had revolvers and daggers, and that they had many people in their party, and that they were trying to sell *swadeshi* goods, and would save the country. Jotindra showed me the revolvers at Haripada Rai's house. Haripada Rai only was there.

This was all before the Morehal dacoity. After it there was no *lathi* play, but I have seen a few of them drinking *tari* together—Haripada Rai, Dasu, Rajani Patra and the durwan. After that there was a bad livelihood case, and the durwan ran away and never returned.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over in Bengali to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

Fakir Chandra Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 85, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Jotin, Monmatha, Shibu, Atul, Hari, and Dasu. I gave evidence about them before.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI FAKIR CHANDRA PAL (*in Bengali.*)

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

Fakir Chandra Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 85, recalled on 27th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I KNOW the writing of Shibupada Hazra. He used to write out songs at Dasurathi's *sadar*. I have seen him writing there. I was with him, too, for two years at a *pathsala*, about 8 or 10 years ago. This (Exhibit 94) is in his handwriting.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.

27-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI FAKIR CHANDRA PAL (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Jamu Sheik, Prosecution Witness No. 86, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Jamu Sheik. My father's name is Sheik Dhaulat. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Tokapur, police-station Ampta, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am an owner of a ferry-boat across the Damodar river. I know Jotin, Sibu Hazra, Dasu Chatterji, Atul Pal, Haripada Adhikari and Satya Banerji. They all live at Kurohi. I took three or four times across in my ferry boys from Calcutta. Ainuddi of our village has a shop in Radha Bazar for packing cases. He used to bring Calcutta boys with him to our country. He used to come by the night train to Kristnagar, and then sometimes he used to call me up at the ferry to cross him. He came, too, at times in the day time. Three or four Calcutta people came with him. They came three or four times. I asked him, and he told me he knew them in Calcutta, and they had business with him there, and that they were doing trade in jute here with him. One of them had small-pox marks and had socks (*mosa*) on his hands, and one had a watch on his wrist. I think I could identify them, but this was some time ago. This was about two years ago. It was before the Morehal dacoity.

The country boys I have named used to come and take the Calcutta boys from the ferry, and they used to go and drink at Ainuddi's house. There was a space enclosed with packing cases in front of his house, and there was a *taktaposh* within it, and there they sat and drank; and if we went there, they shut the door, as they were *bhadraloks*.

There was at Kalitala a place where Ainuddi and Haripada Rai's durwan used to teach them *lathi*-play.

I have also seen the Calcutta people at Siva Hazra's and at Dasu's. I know Bhuto Boidya.

Ainuddi told me that these *bhadraloks* ate at Boidyapara. He did not say at whose house. I hold land under Ainuddi in *bhagjote*. He is a big man, and has purchased much land round about.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Jamu Sheik, Prosecution Witness No. 86, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I know Hari Adhikari, Atul Pal, Shibu Hazra, and Jotin Hazra. (He cannot identify Dasu.) I know Dasu's house. I have seen him once or twice.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

Read over to witness in presence of accused in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

**The deposition of Bishnu Pal, Prosecution Witness No 87, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.*

My name is Bishnu Pal. My father's name is Balaram Pal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator and dealer in paddy.

I know Shibu and Jotin Hazra. Shibu lives close to me. I know Dasu, Satya, Hari Adhikari and Atul Pal. They are all my co-villagers. At Dasu's *bari* they all collected and had music. Also at Shibu's, too, I have seen them sometimes, but chiefly at Dasu's. They used formerly to go often to Satya's, but not so much lately.

I know Bhuto Boidya. I have seen him at Shibu Hazra's house two or four times. I once saw a *bideshi* boy, with a watch on his wrist and wearing spectacles, at Shibu's. I asked him, "Babu, where do you live?" He said, "Intally, Padmapukhur." He said he knew Shibu Hazra, and had come here to get him to buy jute.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-4-10.

Bishnupada Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 87, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Jotin Hazra, Shibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Hari Adhikari, and Dasu Chatterji. I do not see the Calcutta man here.

[*No cross examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd) SRI BISTUPADA PAL (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Nobo Kumar Koyal, Prosecution Witness No. 88, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Nobo Kumar Koyal. My father's name is Kali Charan Koyal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Kurchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

I know Shivapada, Jotin Hazra, Hari Adhikari, Dasu Chatterji, Atul Pal and Satya Banerji,—all of Kurchi. There is a Kalitala in our village. They used to drink *tari* and liquor and eat there and have *lathi*-play there; and used to sing and have *lathi*-play at Dasu's place. I have also seen them together playing with *lathis* at Shibu Hazra's. I have seen Krista Ghose sometimes. He used to come and play *lathi* there. After the Morehal dacoity there has been no *lathi*-play there. I know Bhuti Boidya. I have not seen him with them. He comes at times, as he is a doctor. I saw a boy with a watch on his wrist—he is a *bideshi* boy—at Shibu's house, who said he had gone to buy jute. I could not identify him.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Nobo Kumar Koyal, Prosecution Witness No. 88, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation

I identify Jotin, Shibu, Atul, Dasarathi, and Hari Adhikari.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Babu Rajnaram Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 89, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Rajnaram Mukherji. My home is at mauza Utterpara, police-station Singur, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, and where I am an Honorary Magistrate of Serampur

On 6th February 1909 I recorded the confession of Haripada Adhikari I signed the regular certificate. I was satisfied that the confession was made voluntarily. This is the confession I recorded (Exhibit 22). All questions and answers are there recorded. On the same day I recorded the confession of Jotin Hazra. I believed it to be voluntarily given. If have given the usual certificate. This is it (Exhibit 23).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) RAJNARAYAN MUKHERJEE.

The deposition of Sashi Sar, Prosecution Witness No. 90, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Sashi Sar. My father's name is Srimanta Sar. I am by caste Tamli. My home is at mauza Morchal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, and where I am a *mudi*; I also sell castor-oil cakes.

There was a dacoity in my house. I had one shop, one long *ghar*, one cook room, and an east-facing and a south-facing *ghar*. The cattle live in the south end of the long *ghar*. The cook-room faces west. I sleep in the south-facing house, and my elder brother's wife in the east-facing. Both have verandahs. The *bari* is all enclosed. I and my elder brother and his wife and some children, three sons and one girl, live there. The Damodar is across the *bund* from my house. There was only little water in the *nudi* at the time of the dacoity. When I opened the *sadar* to milk the cow at about 1 *prohar* of night (it was in 1315 *Agrahan*), there was no one there. As I was entering inside I found a man standing on the steps of the *sadar*. I said, "Who are you?" and he said, "Your *baba*." He seized me by the hand and threw me down. Then two men more came up. I was tied and they began to beat me, and they cut me on the thigh with some sharp instrument. My brother's wife went with the milk into the village. All the villagers came up and surrounded my house. A Musalman, Tusadeg, fired his gun, and I was let go by the thieves. The dacoits had revolvers and crackers (*poutaka*). They fired them off. The villagers gathered. Then the dacoits ran off. I fled into the jungle in fear. There I sat. Afterwards the villagers made a noise, and I was brought out of the jungle and was told the thieves had fled. I could not go home alone. On my return I found my iron *sinduk* had its three locks broken, and a tin box and wooden box broken. All my ornaments had been taken away. These men who came had long boots on, comforters tied round their heads, and *jammas* on their bodies. They were Babus. They had *pyjamas* on, too. I could identify Manmatha Chaudhuri, who had assaulted me, at the door. He had a revolver with him and a *poitaka*. Manmatha had been caught in the river, and he was brought to the house and kept at the Raj cutcherry the night, and next day the Daroga took him away.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

(Sd.) Sri Sashi Bhusan Sar (*in Bengali*).

Read over in Bengali to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Sashi Dhusan Sar, Prosecution Witness No. 90, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify this man. He was one of the dacoits when my house at Morchal was dacoited.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Soshi Bhusan Sar (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Kali Das Bagdi, Prosecution Witness No. 91, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Kali Das Bagdi. My father's name is Nogen Bagdi. I am by caste Bagdi. My house is at mauza Morehal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Howrah, where I am a chaukidar.

There was a dacoity last year in *Aghran* in Sashi's house. About 8 P.M. I heard a noise and ran and found that there was sound of firing. I called the villagers, saying that dacoity is being committed at Sashi's house. I was returning when the dacoits were leaving the house. They went off west. Some one was hit, by whom I do not know, and the man was caught in the river-bed. It was seen he was a Brahmin. The daffadar then sent me off to the thana. There I gave my report. (First information read over to him.) This is it (Exhibit 26).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

The deposition of Abinash Bag, Prosecution Witness No. 92, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910."

My name is Abinash Bag. My father's name is Doyal Bag. I am by caste Jelia. My home is at mauza Morehal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am a fisherman.

I remember the dacoity at Morehal on the 17th *Aghran* last year. I was then at home. Sashi's brother's wife raised an outcry in the village that her husband's brother was being killed. My wife was ill. I gave her some medicine and then I went with five or seven others, and we stood on the east side of the house on the land of Kubir Sirdar. I then went up to Hriday's land and there I was hit by shot in the thigh. I was afterwards examined by the doctor at Serampur. I could identify none of the dacoits.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
26-4-10.

The deposition of Behari Bera, Prosecution Witness No. 93, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Behari Bera. My father's name is Narayan Bera. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Janda, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator.

I met the dacoits on the *bundh* on the night of the Morehal dacoity. This was before the dacoity. They were coming from the south northwards towards Morehal, when I met them. It was 20 or 25 plots away from Morehal when I met them. They had shoes on and shirts and were dressed for the cold weather like *bhadroloks*. I said nothing. The duffadar came from the north from Morehal side. He asked them their residence and they said Jingri and that they were going to Tarkeswar. There were about eight men there. I did not know them then to be thieves. I never saw them again, as I did not go there.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

26-4-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.

26-4-10.

The deposition of Basan Kar, Prosecution Witness No. 94, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of April 1910.

My name is Basan Kar. My father's name is Srinath Kar. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Morehal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator.

I remember the Morehal dacoity. I was in my house and heard a noise, and ran out into the *para* in the direction of Sashi's house. I saw his brother's wife running towards the village screaming. I saw a man standing by the door of the house and he was shooting with a pistol. I heard the noise of *dum-dum*—of things being broken inside. After that the people came out and the men who were outside went west with them. We all went west too. They went down the *bund* and so did we. I had a *lathi* and I hit one of the dacoits with it in the river-bed, and then another man struck me on the back with a sharp instrument. I fell. Balaram Sar went across the river and hit one with a *lathi* and he fell. They tied his hands with the comforter which was on his head and he was brought back. I went home owing to the pain in my back. I can identify the man who was arrested.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-4-10.

Read over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
26-4-10.

Basan Kar, Prosecution Witness No. 94, recalled on 6th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

This is the man I arrested at Morehal (shows Manmotha Chaudhuri).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused and admitted.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of A. C. S. Wilshaw, Prosecution Witness No. 65, aged about , taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Arthur Cromwell Sampson Wilshaw. I reside at present in mauza Alipore, Central Jail, Alipore, where I am Chief European Warder.

I remember the 28th March last. I was the Chief Warder in charge of political prisoners, Alipore Central Jail, then. When I visited the political yard, at 5 P.M. in the evening, European Warder Kennedy, who was on duty in the yard, reported to me that he had found two chits with writing on them in No. 9 cell, occupied by political prisoner under trial No. 75, named Nani Gopal Gupta. He gave me the two chits and we went together to the cell. I asked Nani Gopal Gupta why he had written the two chits which I showed him. At first he denied having done so, but after a minute or so he admitted and asked for pardon. He spoke in English, which he knows very well. I went to my office with the chits and locked them up in my almirah in the office. In the evening about 6-30 P.M. the Jailor visited the political yard. I had been on duty there since 5 P.M. and reported the matter to him. The Jailor is Mr. Hill. He left the yard and I showed him the two chits when we went to the office, and after that I locked them up in my almirah again. Next morning, when the Superintendent visited the jail, I reported the matter to him. The Superintendent is Mr. Emerson. I gave him the chits. He initialled them in my presence. I do not know Bengali and I did not know their contents at the time. As far as I remember, Mr. Emerson had them translated to him. Nani was departmentally punished for this breach of the rules, *e.g.*, writing unauthorised letter on private paper. This is not the prescribed paper used for letters. These are the pieces of paper [Exhibit 26 (*a*) and (*b*)] and these are Mr. Emerson's initials [Exhibit 26 (*a*) i and 26 (*b*) i].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-4-10.

(Sd.) A. C. S. WILSHAW.
Chief Warder,
Alipore Central Jail.
29-4-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-4-10.

The deposition of A. O. Todd, Prosecution Witness No. 96, aged about , taken on oath, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Arthur Osmond Todd. I reside at present at mauza No. 7, Middle Road, police-station Entally, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Inspector of Beliaghata Government Railway Police. On the 6th December 1907, I was Inspector of this division. Under me are four thanas—Beliaghata, Sonarpur, Bongong and Khulna. On the 6th December I received a wire from Chingripota station reporting a dacoity. This is it (Exhibit 27). I forwarded it to the Superintendent of Railway Police. I then proceeded the same day to Chingripota, and on arrival I took up the investigation from the Sub-Inspector, Motahar Ali. I examined the Station Master's booking office room and the safe which was in the booking office. The safe was open, with five keys, one of which was attached to the safe, and two keys were lying in the inner drawer of the safe. The booking clerk said the cash (Rs. 661-13) had gone. I saw no cash. This sum was the earnings of the 5th December. I saw two bamboo sticks, one *kutcha* and one seasoned. The condition of the entrance door was shown to me by the Sub-Inspector, and on examination I found the upper glass of the top panel of the left side door had been broken and pieces of glass were lying on the floor at the time. I found that a hand can be put through the break in the glass and the bolt pulled down. I saw two small files and a pair of tan leather shoes. The Station Master said one file was his, but not the other one. The seasoned bamboo was identified as belonging to, and often carried by, one Narendra Nath Bhattacharji. The Station Master and booking clerk both told me this. He told me that Narendra Nath Bhattacharji and Sailendra Nath Bose had been in the booking office the day the cash was made up. The Station Master named these two and Bhusan and Kiran as being concerned in the dacoity.

I went into the Station Master's private room, next to the booking office, where he had been sleeping, and he said Naren had on his being called up demanded the keys from him. He saw about five or six men, of whom he identified three or four amongst those named, and then the keys were handed over and he was pushed back on threat of injury and the door tied with a piece of string. When locked in, he said he woke his wife and he heard people calling out "*Bande Mataram*" as they were leaving the station.

I saw the wounded porter. He was wounded about the head and I think the shoulders. I sent up three accused as a result of my investigation. This (Exhibit 28) is my charge sheet. When I sent it up Sailendra and Bhusan were absconding, and Narendra was given bail by the Magistrate. Sailendra and Narendra were discharged by the Magistrate, Babu Chandi Das Ghose.

To Court.—The cash and the bag only were stolen. Neither the Station Master nor the booking clerk told me about a seal being stolen.

There were 100 and odd rupees in the cash belonging to the Station Master.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

(Sd.) A. O. Todd.
Inspector.
29-4-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

The deposition of Kasipati Ghosal, Prosecution Witness No. 97, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Kasipati Ghosal. My father's name is Shibnarain Ghosal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Monsatola, police-station Kidderpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a priest.

I remember the day of the *Doljatra* last year. I had trouble with a man whose name I afterwards came to know was Lolit Mohan—I think Chakravarti. I was going along the road to perform my *puja* with my idol and he threw *rong* at me. I, saying "*Dakhina bhut*" abused him. He then pushed me. I also pushed him. I then went home. Two of his friends then came up and I, fearing, fled off. This was on the side of the Diamond Harbour Road in front of Sarat Babu Doctor's dispensary. The other two men came from just by or from inside Sarat Doctor's house. That night I was told by people that I had beaten Lolit so much that I had cut his forehead and made a hole in it. I complained in Court and he complained somewhere. Afterwards I settled the case, paying him Re. 1 for *sandesh* and Rs. 3 for medical attendance and *ghari* hire. I came to know that Lolit stayed with Sarat Doctor, some people saying he was compounder. I know Sarat Doctor. I also know Naren. He was one of the two friends who came to help Lolit. I could identify Naren and Lolit. Sarat told me to settle the case out of Court. He said Lolit's father and brother had come for the criminal case to help Lolit.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

(Sd.) Sri Kasipati Ghosal (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
29-4-10.

Kasipati Ghosal, Prosecution Witness No. 97, recalled on 15th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify this man (Lalit Chakravarti) as the man with whom I had the *marpit*. I identify the Doctor Babu (shows Sarat) as one of the men who settled the case. He is a neighbour of mine.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Kasipati Ghosal (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

The deposition of Gopal Ch. Chaudhuri, Prosecution Witness No. 98, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Gopal Chandra Chaudhuri. My father's name is Tarini Ch. Chaudhuri. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Kalyanpur, police-station Bagnan, zilla Howrah. I reside at present in mauza No. 92, Diamond Harbour Road, police-station Kidderpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a servant in the *mudi* shop of Ram Narain Das at No. 92, Diamond Harbour Road. I know Lolit Mohon Chakravati. He used to come and pay money for Sarat Chandra Mitra, a doctor, who also had a *mudi* shop and took goods for his shop from our shop. I write the *khata* books and the daily account books which are there. I wrote the daily account daily.

Exhibit 30 (1)	... 24th February (12th *Falgun* 1315)...		Lolit paid 4 rupees on account of Sarat Doctor.
Do. 30(2)	... 23rd *Falgun* 1315	(7th March)	... He on account of Sarat Doctor paid 4 rupees.
Do. 30(3)	... 9th *Chait*	(22nd do.)	... He paid on account of Sarat Doctor 3 rupees.
Do. 30(4)	... 10th do.	(23rd do.)	... He paid on account of Sarat Doctor 1 rupee
Do. 30(5)	... 15th do. '	(28th do)	... He paid on account of Sarat Mitra 3 rupees.

I can identify Sarat Doctor and Lolit. I have seen Lolit when I have been to collect money. I saw him there at the dispensary.

Exhibit 30 (6). This is Sarat Mitra's account in the ledger. It is kept by a *ticca* sirdar, Beni Madhab Haldar, under my supervision. This is his account for the year 1315.

Sarat himself paid money himself; others also paid for him. The daily account shows the name of who paid on each occasion.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-4-10.

(Sd.) SRI GOPAL CHANDRA CHAUDHURI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
29-4-10.

Gopal Chandra Chaudhuri, Prosecution Witness No. 98, recalled on 10th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY Sarat Mitter, Suresh Mitter, Sarat's second brother (Satish Chandra Mitter) Lolit Mohan Chakravarti.

This is the Sarat Mitter with whom I had an account, and this is the Lolit who paid for him at times.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Abu Syed, Prosecution Witness No. 99, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Abu Syed. My father's name is Sheikh Chedi. I am by caste a Musalman. My home is at mauza Sonai, police-station Sonai, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a *darzi*.

I have my shop at No. 3-1, Kali Bazar. I did some work for one Sarat Babu. What his occupation is or where he lives I cannot say. I prepared for him some half-length pants. These were the ordinary sort, but the pockets were different. Some had the pockets between the legs and others had pockets behind. I also prepared two or three such for Nitai Babu. I prepared six for Bhuban Chandra Mukherji, naib of the Bhukoylash. They had the pockets at the back. Sarat supplied the cloth for the pants. This is my measurement book (Exhibit 32), which I write myself, and this is the entry of Sarat Babu's pants [Exhibit 32 (1)]. He gave me the measurements. The police came and examined this book.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
29-4-10.

(Sd.) Sri Sheik Abu Syed (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Ramugraha Pare, Prosecution Witness No. 100, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Ramugraha Pare. My father's name is Pasram Pare. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Banadi, police-station Banadi, zilla Ballia. I reside at present at Kidderpore House, police-station Kidderpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a *durwan*. I have been *durwan* at the Kidderpore House (Orphanage) for 10 years. I have my quarters at the gate in a *gumti* there, on the Diamond Harbour Road on the east side of it. Sarat Mitter's dispensary is directly across the road from my *gumti*—about 10 to 20 paces off. I regularly sit at the gate in front of my *gumti*. When medicines were wanted for the ladies I used to go to the lines of the 10th Regiment for it, to the hospital or the sahib. The 10th were Chetris or something. They were called Singha. I know some of them by sight. I have seen some of them sitting in Sarat Doctor's dispensary. I have seen them returning from bazar, stay there for an hour or two, talking to Sarat at either 10 A.M. or 4 P.M —there was no fixed time. If I saw them, I could identify the *sepahis*. Sarat's residence is behind his dispensary. He had his people living with him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

Read over to witness in Hindi and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-4-10.

Ramugraha Pare, Prosecution Witness No. 100, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Dr. Sarat Mitter and this (Suresh) is his brother. I identify this man (Ram Gopal). He used to be under the Doctor Sahib in the regimental hospital. I have seen him standing at Sarat's door. I do not identify any others.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Ramugraha Pare (*in Hindi*).

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Birendra Nath Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 101, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Birendra Nath Banerji. My father's name is Pankori Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Konnagar, police-station Serampur, zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Garden Reach, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Head Constable.

In March 1909 I was Head Constable of Watgunge. I know Sarat doctor. He brought a boy, Lolit Mohon Chakravarti, whom I can identify, to my thana on the 6th March, saying he had been assaulted. Lolit had a wound over his left eye-brow. I sent him to the Alipore Police case hospital. I recorded this all in the station diary. Lolit Mohon signed the entry (Exhibit 33).

There was a strike at the Docks in 1908, I think. Many *chogras* had a meeting at the Bhukoylash maidan with the strikers. I was there two or three times. They had meetings for about ten days. I saw Sarat Babu at these meetings once and two boys of Behala. Sarat was sitting at the meeting.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) BIRENDRA NATH BANERJI,
H. C.
Garden Reach Thana.
29-4-10.

The deposition of M. N. Pandit, Prosecution Witness No. 102, aged , taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of April 1910.

My name is Monohar Nath Pandit. My father's name is Bisseswar Nath Pandit. I am by caste Kashmiri Brahmin. My home is in zilla Sultanpur. I reside at present at Kumartoli police-station, Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge.

I made a search at 275, Upper Chitpur Road, on the 27th January 1910. Mr. Tegart and Mr. Creagan, Divisional Superintendents, were also present. I searched the room occupied by Jotindra Nath Mukherji. The house was occupied by his uncle, Dr. Hemanta Kumar Chatterji. I searched in the presence of Mr. Creagan and witnesses. The elder son of Hemanta Doctor showed us the room. Jotindra was sleeping then with his door bolted. We knocked at the door and he opened it, and, after his wife was removed, the search was made. He was all along present. It began at 1-30 A.M. and finished at 4-30 A.M.; and again at 6-15 P.M. that evening some bundles of papers found in his room were collected and put in a box and sealed, and these were taken to the 2nd Presidency Magistrate and opened in his presence and in that of the search witnesses and Dr. Hemanta.

These are the search lists of the first search (Exhibit 34). I signed it, and so did witnesses.

This is the one prepared in the presence of the 2nd Presidency Magistrate (Exhibit 35).

This writing [Exhibit 34(1)], being Nos. 20, 21 and 22 of first search, was found in the search.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

29-4-10.

(Sd.) MANOHAR NATH PANDIT.

Sub-Inspector of Police, Kumartoli Thana, Calcutta.

29-4-10.

COUNSEL says the rest of the documents produced have not yet been examined by him.

(Sd.) H. P. D.

Manmohar Nath Pundit, Witness No. 102, on solemn affirmation on 11th July 1910.

BESIDES what I gave evidence to finding before, I found at the house of Jotindra Mukherji—

this *Bande Mataram* (Exhibit 315),
and this piece of paper (Exhibit 316),
this account of Russo-Japanese War (Exhibit 317),
this copy of *Jatiya Somaya* (Exhibit 318),
and this certificate (Exhibit 319).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

11-7-10.

(Sd.) M. N. PUNDIT, *S.-I.*,

B. T.

11-7-10.

READ over and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Apurba Ch. Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 103, aged about 47 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Apurba Chandra Chattopadhaya. My father's name is Kali Kumar Chattopadhaya Bidhyaratna. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kidderpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at No. 11, Gangadhar Banerji's Lane, where I am a priest. I also do oil-painting and photography, having a shop on Circular Garden Reach Road. I know Dr. Sarat Ch. Mitter. My house is close to his—the distance of here to the gate (25 yards). I know Naren Chatterji. He came once to my shop and said he knew how to paint, and asked for work. I said I would see his work first and then settle about his pay. He worked at my shop one or two months. I found he could not paint well, and so I said I had no more work for him. This was about three and a half years ago. After that I have seen him at Sarat Doctor's, on the Diamond Harbour Road. I have seen him very often sitting there.

I know the shop of Bhagwan Poddar. I do not know him. Naren used to write his accounts after he left my service. I have seen him sitting in the shop writing the *khatas*. After that he went to Sarat Doctor's. Naren told me, when he was with me, that he had a mother and a maternal uncle; but his father was dead. He also said he was married. He was then living in Nazir Muhammad Ghatmanjhi's Lane with his wife. He told me he had married her under Aryya Samaj rules. I could identify him, if I saw him.

I know nothing about Naren being implicated in any case. I have a man who lives in my shop (I do not live there), and he told me that some one came and asked whether Naren was there, and he said he had long left my service. This was about two years ago.

I have seen Sarat Doctor going out on rounds. I see him, too, sitting in his *doctor-khana*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

(Sd). Sri Apurba Chandra Chattopadhaya (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

Apurba Chandra Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 103, recalled on 10th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I know Sarat Babu (shows Sarat Mitter) and this man, who is his brother (Suresh).

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Apurba Chandra Chattopadhaya (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Baroda Prosad Chandra, Prosecution Witness No. 104, aged about 41 years taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Baroda Prosad Chandra. My father's name is Gopal Ch. Chandra. I am by caste Gunda Bunik. My home is at mauza Kidderpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present at No. 1, Kutari Road, where I am a shopkeeper dealing in medicine and spices. My brother, Saroda, is joint with me, but he does not live in my shop. He is in the Plague Dispensary Department. I have known Dr. Sarat Chander Mitter for the last 12 years. He is a doctor. He used to come to my shop up to about two or three years ago. He worked in it, coming in the morning for an hour or two and seeing patients. This he did for three or four months. While he was working at my shop he started his own dispensary on the side of the Diamond Harbour Road. I saw it when I have been passing on the road. I had no reason to go inside. I know Naren Chatterji; he used to do painting at Apurba Babu's (Witness 103), and I saw him once or twice at Sarat Babu's dispensary when passing. I cannot say whom else I have seen there. Many people assemble there.

Suspicious demeanour.

I know Raj Mohan Dutt or De; he is the compounder of the Municipal Charitable Dispensary. I have seen him at Sarat Doctor's place. I do not remember when this was.

I do not know if Sarat Doctor is mixed up in any *swadeshi* agitation.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) Sri Baroda Prosad Chandra (*in Bengali*).

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

Baroda Prosad Chandra, Prosecution Witness No. 104, recalled on 10th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify the Doctor Babu (shows Sarat Mitter) and his brother (shows Suresh Mitter).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Baroda Prosad Chandra (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Ramani Mohan Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 105, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Ramani Mohan Chakravarti. My father's name is Dwarka Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is No. 14, Circular Garden Reach Road, Kidderpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I have a money-changer's and *poddar's* shop. My shop is at No. 9, Watgunge Street. I know Sarat Doctor, and I know his father Gopal. I think Gopal is still alive, but I am not sure. He used to be my school master and private tutor. I have known Sarat more than 10 years. He is a doctor. He had a cloth shop once on Circular Garden Reach Road at one time. It was burnt down more than three years ago. After the shop was burnt, he borrowed Rs. 100 from me.

I know one Naren. I cannot say if his surname is Chatterji. There is a *gali* across the road running from opposite my shop called Jagannath Sirkar's Lane. I used to see him coming from, and going into, that lane. I came to know him at Sarat Doctor's at the dispensary. I know one Lolit, but I do not know his surname. I saw him, too, at Sarat's dispensary. I have seen him and Naren together, and separately at Sarat Doctor's dispensary. Naren lived in Jagannath Sarkar's Lane. I saw once that his wife was ill there, and Sarat Doctor was called to treat her. This was after she had had a child. Naren I often saw at Bhagwan Das's shop. I thought at first he was an up-countryman. Afterwards I came to know he was a Bengali. I have seen him, too, at Apurba Babu's shop. I can't say whether this was before or after I saw him at Bhagwan's. He was working as a painter.

There was a compounder, too, at Sarat's, but I did not know his name. I could identify him, Lolit and Naren. I have seen them often together. The compounder is now working at the Municipal Charitable Dispensary. I know Sarat's *bhais*—Satis, Suresh and Jotin.

Satis once pledged a gold *ananto* at my shop. It is noted in my *khata*, which the police has taken. The ornament has not been redeemed. The police have taken charge of it. I did not advance the money, but Bepin Behari Dutt, my chief servant, advanced it. Bepin wrote the *khata*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

[*Recalled*:]—With great difficulty I got the Rs. 100 back from Sarat Doctor. He paid it back in 2 or 5 rupees at a time. That is why I had so often to go to his dispensary.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) Sri Ramani Mohan Chakravarti (in Bengali).

Ramani Mohon Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 105, recalled on 10th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify Satis Chandra Mitter, Dr Sarat Chandra Mitter, Suresh Chandra Mitter. This man (Lolit Chakravarti) is most probably Lolit Babu.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Ramani Mohon Chakravarti (in Bengali).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Nobin Ch. Das, Prosecution Witness No. 106, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Nobin Ch. Das. My father's name is Behari Ch. Das. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at 11-1, Jagannath Sirkar's Lane, Watgunge, Kidderpur, where I reside at present, and where I am a mohurrir of muktear Rajendra Nath Banerji of the Alipur Magistrate's Court. I was born at where I live now. I know Naren Chatterji, and I know the name of Dr. Sarat Mitter. I know Ashutosh Ghose of Munshigunj Road. He is son of Nitya Gopal Ghose. I heard when Naren had a child that the doctor who came was Sarat Doctor of Manshatala I have not seen Sarat's dispensary. Naren was tenant of my house. I lived in it, too. I was in the inner apartments, and he in the outer. He was there from *Falgun* 1313 to *Asar* 1314. He left on the 1st *Sraban* 1314. The child was born in my house and died there, and the doctor attended it there. There was an *akra* in Kutri Road, where there was wrestling, etc. There were corrugated iron sheets on the four sides and there was a door in them. Naren, I heard, went there. Ashutosh Ghose used to go to it. The police arrested Naren while he was staying at my house. After he was released, I told him he could stay no longer in the house. Bhagwan had dismissed him. So he went to Sarat Doctor's house with his wife. Ashutosh Ghose came to Howrah to get bail for Naren when he was arrested.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) SRI NOBIN CHANDRA DAS (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

Nobin Chandra Das, Prosecution Witness No. 106, recalled on 10th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

THIS man (shows Sarat Mitter) lives in Monsatola and is a doctor. I do not see Naren here.

Cross-examined.—Sarat has a *doctorkhana* on the Diamond Harbour Road. I have seen him there. I have not seen him treating people.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI NOBIN CHANDRA DAS (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Bipra Jalani, Prosecution Witness No. 107, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Bipra Jalani. My father's name is Parbati Charan Jalani. I am by caste a Koibarta. My home is at mauza Ektara, police-station Mogra Hat, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

There was a dacoity at Netra Some little time before dawn I saw four men—with white clothes, shoes and umbrellas going from north to south. I had then just come out of my house. They were about half a *rasi* off me. I heard the same day at 10 or 11 A.M. of the dacoity. I can't say if the four men were young or old. It was still dark when I saw them. I did not speak to them. I told this to the police about one year ago. Gopal Bhandari (Witness No. 39) is my uncle. I told the police the same day as Gopal had told them.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

READ over in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

The deposition of Hem Chandra Mandal, Prosecution Witness No. 108, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Hem Chandra Mandal. My father's name is Jaga Mohon Mandal. I am by caste a Kalu. My home is at mauza Boru, police-station Joynagar zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a *ticca ghari* driver.

I drive the *ticca ghari* of Fatik Madak of Barasat near police-station Joynagar. In last *Baisak*, a year ago, I took some people by night, leaving at 1 or 2 A.M. from Barasat, to Baruipur. I could identify the men I took. There were three people in the *ghari*. They were three men. They had a tin portmanteau and a *handi* with them. My master made the arrangement for the fare. I only drove the *ghari*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

Hem Chandra Mandal, Prosecution Witness No. 108, recalled on 16th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY this man Lolit of these shown me (picks him out of 11 present). He was one of the Babus. (He did not pick out any of the other accused.) I do not identify these two men (Rajani and Chuni). It was just dawn. I just dropped them and went away.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Sadir Nasker, Prosecution Witness No. 109, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Sadir Nasker. My father's name is Setab Nasker. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Alipore, police-station Joynagar, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, and where I am a cultivator.

I know Mozilpur village. There was an *akra* at which the children of *bhadraloks* used to play with *lathis*. They were boys of Mozilpur and Joynagar. I saw Chuni Lal (called Chune), and Hari Nath Das's younger brother. I do not know his name. I could identify them both. There was a coal shop in Mozilpur bazar belonging to Narain Doctor. There, too, these boys used to meet to play *lathi*. The shop is still there. The *lathi*-play took place at the temple of Sanbriteswar and in Bhattacharjipara of Mozilpur, and just south of the coal depôt. Before last *Pujas*, the *lathi*-play was stopped in all three places.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) SRI CHANDER NASKER (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

Sadir Naskar, Prosecution Witness No. 109, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY this man—Chuni Nandi, as a member of the *akra* in the village. I do not identify any others. They have been growing beards. In presence of accused, as in 43.

To Court.—(He is shown Tinkori Das—and then says he is Hari Das's brother, Tinkori). He used to go to the *akra*.

Cross-examined by Chuni—You played at the *akra*. I live a mile off the Sambriteswar temple. I have seen you play 5 or 7 times. I have seen you play up to 7 or 8 P.M.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI CHHADER NASKAR (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali in presence of the accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Rajendra Lal Halder, Prosecution Witness No. 110, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Rajendra Lal Halder. My father's name is Dina Nath Halder. I am by caste Maheshya. My home is at mauza Gaddia, police-station Kristagunge, zilla Nadia. I reside at present in mauza Baligunge Railway Station, where I am booking clerk.

From August 1907 to December 1907, I believe, I was booking clerk at Chingripota. There was a dacoity at the railway station while I was there. I do not remember all now. I was at the station and at night some people came—I can't remember, but it was, I think 2½ or 3 A.M. I was asleep on the table in the station-room and a man broke the glass at the top of the door, opened the bolt, and came in. He demanded the keys from me. I said they were with the Station Master. He then threatened to beat me with a *lathi*. This man is Narendra N. Bhattacharji. He is a man of that place. I gave him over the keys of the ticket box in fear: they were the only keys I had. Then another man came up and bound my eyes with a cloth, and I could see nothing after that. Many people came into the room. Dinabandhu Rout cried out. Purna Ch. Ghose also called to me, "Chota Babu, they are killing me." At the time they all came away, after taking money from the safe. I undid the cloth and ran in fear to the village, shouting that dacoits had taken away the money. I gave information to the police. This is it (Exhibit 29). What I stated there is correct. To-day I have given only the bare outline, as it is 2½ years ago.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) RAJENDRA LALL HALDER,
Booking Clerk.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

Rajendra Lal Halder, Prosecution Witness No. 110, recalled on 6th June 1910.

I IDENTIFY Narendra N. Bhattacharji.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) RAJENDRA LALL HALDER.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Harananda Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 111, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Harananda Ghose. My father's name is Dinu Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Chingripota, police-station Sonarpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

I heard there was a dacoity at Chingripota station. I was at home then. I heard the Station Master shouting from the station that dacoits had taken away all the money. My house is quite close to the station. It was then at 3 A.M. I got up and went to station and saw the lights were all out. I could see none of the dacoits. I saw the Station Master and others there. The Station Master said Gule had done it. He gave two other names which I do not remember. I saw the iron chest was open and the table was upside down. I saw Dinu had been beaten and he was unconscious. We gave him water and he regained consciousness. I then went home. I knew Gule by sight before. He lives at Harinavi,—about half a mile from our village. His father-in-law lives just by me.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

Harananda Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 111, recalled on 18th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of certain accused.

This man (shows Bhusan Chandra Mitra) is Gule, and this man (shows) is Noren. (Of two men together, Bhuban M. Mukherji and Narendra Bhattacharyya, he pointed out one first and then afterwards Narendra correctly.)

I know Naren, as he lives close to me in the same village.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-6-10.

Read to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-6-10.

The deposition of Akhil Fakir, Prosecution Witness No. 112, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Akhil Fakir. My father's name is Tazuddin Fakir. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Bulluvpur, police-station Kulpi, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am dealer in rice.

In last *Baishak* I was at the good shed *hát* near Deola station near Netra buying rice. I was staying there. I saw one night some boys at Deola station. I cannot say the date. I know of the Netra dacoity. The other name for Deola station is Nazra. I was going from the station after the 8 P.M. train had left, with a lamp in my hand, towards the good shed *hát*. I saw three or four men—young Babus—going towards Netra. I said, "Where you are going?" They said, "Netra." I said, "there is a station at Netra, why have you got down at Nazra?" They said they had been asleep, and hearing Nazra, they got down hurriedly, thinking it was Netra. I said, "All of you asleep!" They asked me to show my lantern for them to cross the bridge. I saw they were *bhadraloks* and did so.

Next morning when I came to the station to get a wagon, the Babus at the station said there had been a dacoity the night previous at Netra. I heard, too, they were *bhadraloks* who did it. I told the Station Master what I had seen the night before. I think I might be able to recognise the *bhadraloks*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) SRI AKHIL FAKIR (*in Bengali*),
Bulluvpur.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

Akhil Fakir, Prosecution Witness No. 112, recalled on 25th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I DO not identify any of the accused here as among the boys I saw at the Nazra bridge.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI AKHIL FAKIR (*in Bengali*),
Bulluvpur.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Surendra Nath Bhattacharji, Prosecution Witness No. 113, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Surendra Nath Bhattacharji. My father's name is Giri Madhab Bhattacharji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Harinavi, police-station Sonarpur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, and where I am a ticket collector, Ballyganj railway station. In 1907, December, I was train's clerk at Sonarpur. I heard the day after the dacoity of its commission from people in the train. The station-master of Chingripota came to our station to send a message to the G. R. Police. There was no telegraph office at Chingripota then. One has been made there about a year. On that day he was in a hurry and he gave in his message and went off. I did not ask him and he gave no names to me. Our Assistant Station Master took the message from him. The trains cross at Sonapur. I cannot say whether he went on by the same train as he came by. He came by the train which goes to Calcutta. Two or three days after I heard the names from the Station Master. He named Naren Bhattacharji, Sailen Bose, and another, Bhusan Mitra. I had heard names from the public.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) SURENDRA NATH BHATTACHARGE,
T. C.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

The deposition of Sarat Ch. Guha, Prosecution Witness No. 114, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Sarat Ch. Guha. My father's name is Joy Chandra Guha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Bazrajogini, police-station Munshiganj, zilla Dacca. I reside at present at Sangrampur Railway Station, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Station Master.

In 1907, December, I was Assistant Station Master at Sonarpur. I knew the Station Master of Chingripota by sight at that time. On the 6th December—the morning after the Chingripota dacoity, I saw him. He came by the 101 Up Passenger to our station. The 128 Down and the 101 Up cross here. I was busy crossing the trains. When I ordered the 101 Up to start, he cried "Dacoity committed at Chingripota." I think he was in the brake-van. I asked him. But meanwhile the train started, and he could say no more. After it, a porter or trains' clerk gave me a telegraph form in which he had sent a message reporting the dacoity to all concerned. This I gave my signaller for despatch. I had asked him why he was going to Calcutta, when the thana was at Sonarpur. I do not remember what he replied, now.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
5-5-10.

(Sd.) Sarat Ch. Guha.
S. M. Sangrampur.
5-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
5-5-10.

The deposition of Mohendra Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 115, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Mahendra Mukherji. My father's name is Jagadishwar Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Barrackpore, police station Barrackpore, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Pupli, police-station Pupli, zilla Puri, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of Pupli thana. In December 1907 I was Sub-Inspector, Govt. Railway Police, Belliaghata police-station. Nibaran Ch. Pal, Station Master of Chingripota, came to me on the morning of the 6th December to report occurrence of a dacoity. I entered the fact in the station diary, Entry No. 71, Belliaghata G. R. P., dated 6th December 1909. He stated he recognised two persons, but did not name anyone before me. He had sent information before to the officer-in-charge of Sonarpur, in whose jurisdiction the station lies, so I did not record his first information. I arrested one Narendra N. Bhattacharji on the 9th December at the platform of the Chingripota station. He was coming by a train from Belliaghata. He was pointed out to me by some one. I searched his person and found on him five items. I made a list then and there. The items were—

Half of an intermediate return ticket;
A book called "*Bartaman Rananiti*";
One sheet of paper with an invocation to "*The Mother*";
One knife, with handle partly broken; and
A handkerchief.

This is the book (Exhibit 36), and this the sheet of paper (Exhibit 37).

There were present three witnesses, who signed the list.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

5-5-10.

(Sd.) Mahendra Nath Mukerjee.

5-5-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.

5-5-10.

The deposition of Jogendra Narayan Singh, Prosecution Witness No. 116, aged about 39 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 5th day of May 1910.

My name is Jogendra Narayan Singh. My father's name is Ram Iswari Singh. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chumanpura, police-station Buxar, zilla Shahabad. I reside at present in mauza Tollygunge, police-station Tollygunge, zilla Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector of the Calcutta Police. On 8th November 1909 I got order to search the house of Bimola Ch Deb. This (Exhibit 38) is the warrant. In execution of it I searched his house at 78, Mansatola Lane, Kidderpur. I made a list of the property found (Exhibit 39). I found altogether 28 separate lots. This (Exhibit 40) is No. 1 of my list. It was signed by the search witnesses in my presence.

This (Exhibit 41) is No 6 It was signed by Bimola Deb and the witnesses.

This post-card (Exhibit 42) is No. 7 of my list. He has signed it

This post-card (Exhibit 43) is No. 8,—and this letter (Exhibit No. 44) is No. 9, letter and envelope.

This diary (Exhibit 45) is No. 11 of the list—He signed all the entries, and so did the witnesses.

This book (Exhibit 46) is No. 12.

This (Exhibit 47) is No. 13—an exercise book.

This (Exhibit 48) is No. 14—a Bengali exercise book.

This (Exhibit 49) is No. 16—copy of *Bande Mataram* (31st August 1907 and 11th May 1907).

This (Exhibit 50) is *Justice*, dated 9th October 1909.

And these (Exhibit 51) are another nine copies.

And this (Exhibit 52) is No. 18 of my list—The *Sandhya* of 13th August 1907 and 11th May 1907.

And this (Exhibit 53) is No. 19—*Narasakti* of 17th August 1907.

And these (Exhibit 54) are copies of *Jugantar*—48 copies.

And these (Exhibit 55) are 16 pieces of paper pinned together.

The writing of Bimola De's name in Bengali was not written before me. It was on the paper when found.

This (Exhibit XVI) is one small cartridge found on his table underneath his books.

This (Exhibit XVII) is a *kukri*, with two small knives.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

5-5-10.

(Sd.) JOGENDRA NARAYAN SINGH.

5-5-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

5-5-10.

The deposition of Kusum Kumar Rai, Prosecution Witness No. 117, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of May 1910.

My name is Kusum Kumar Rai. My father's name is Hari Das Rai. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Barai, police-station Tangail, zilla Mymensingh. I reside at present at 70, Sukea Street, Calcutta, where I am Accountant of the estate of the late Hem Chandra Gossain of Serampore. I have a refreshment stall at the Zoological Garden, Calcutta, since October 1907. I always have an assistant in charge of it, as I cannot look after it myself. I know Tinkori Das. In the first part of February 1909 my assistant, then in charge, fell ill, took leave, and went home. I appointed temporarily a man of my quarter; but on the 15th February he suddenly gave notice, as he got other work He had told me before that he would not be able to work for long, and I was making enquiries to get a man. I came to know from the house of my father-in-law that there was one Tinkori Das at Mazilpur (my father-in-law's father-in-law lives at Mazilpur). My father-in-law is Babu Sirish Chandra De. A letter was written by my father-in-law to his own father-in-law as to whether the youth would take the appointment. I took a week's leave from the 15th February, and myself from the 16th worked at the shop. On the 16th or 17th Tinkori came. *Corrects* :—The man before Tinkori worked up to the 15th March, and I joined the shop on 16th March. Tinkori came on the 16th or 17th March, and up till the 21st he worked with me. [*Then says* :]—He came to my shop from the 18th, and we worked together till the 21st. On the 22nd he was put in independent charge of the shop. He worked up to the 12th April, and then he took leave saying he was going to see to his cultivation. He returned on the 17th April, and worked up to the 22nd. I then heard that he left the shop with fever. This I heard from my brother, who went there on the 23rd and found the shop closed. On the 24th I went to see him. I knew he stayed at Kidderpore. He had the cash and keys. I went to his lodging. It was the house of one Sarat Doctor of Kidderpore. I asked for him, and they said he was ill upstairs. He came down, and I saw him in the outer room and he had fever. I took the keys and cash and then put my brother in charge of the shop.

He had told me that his lodging was at Sarat Doctor's. I do not know Sarat Doctor. I had heard that the house of Sarat was on the Kidderpore Road right on the tram line and close to the Zoo, and so I found it. I know Tinkori's handwriting. I think this (Exhibit 56) post-card is in his handwriting.

The account book I produce is in his handwriting from the 22nd March up to 12th April. The accounts of the 13th are also in his handwriting. I expect he wrote up the accounts from the 13th to 16th April from rough notes made by my brother. His writing goes up to the 23rd, which is blank (Exhibit 57, 1—19).

He came one day to my house afterwards to take his salary. After that he did not return to my service. But at the time of the *pujas* of 1909 he came to help me when there was a rush. Amulya Kumar Rai is my brother. Tinkori ate at my father-in-law's, but slept at Sarat Doctor's during the days he came to help at the *pujas*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-5-10.

(Sd.) Kusum Kumar Roy.
23-5-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
23-5-10.

Witness No. 117, Kusum Kumar Rai, recalled on the 13th June 1910, on solemn affirmation in presence of some accused.

I identify the man who worked for me in the Zoological Garden (shows Tinkori Das).

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

Read over and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) Kusum Kumar Roy.

The deposition of Barhu Kurmi, Prosecution Witness No. 118, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of May 1910.

My name is Barhu Kurmi. My father's name is Chanroo Kurmi. I am by caste Kurmi. My home is at mauza Dhariapur, police-station Monghyr, zilla Monghyr. I reside at present in mauza Jamalpore, police-station Jamalpore, zilla Monghyr, where I am working in the Railway Workshop. I was for two years in Kidderpore working in the Telegraph Department at Mansatola at the Telegraph Workshop. I worked also for a Babu in the morning and evening, who gave me my food free and my clothes. This Babu was Upendra Nath Bose of Mansatola. My wife was there, too. She worked at Sarat Babu Doctor's at Mansatola. She was maid-servant there. I know Sarat Babu's home was at Rajpore. He has three brothers, one is Satish, one Suresh, and Jotin Babu. I know them all by sight. I used often to take Upen Babu's child in the evening to Sarat Babu's house. There was one Lalit Babu living there, too. There was another boy who had a "*tiki*" on his head: he was a Brahmin. I do not remember his name. I could identify him. He used to eat there. I saw him two or three days also sleeping there. I know Basuldanga station. I once went to Bolsidhi village *vid* it, being sent by Upen Babu in *Falgun* with cloth and food as a "*dol tatwa*" to Kanai Babu's. Kanai's daughter was married to Upen's son. This was about one and a half years ago. I gave the things and returned to Basuldanga station, and there I saw three Babus, Suresh, Lalit and the other Brahmin were going by the train, and I asked where they were going. They asked where I had been, and I said to Bolsidhi; and they said they were on a trip. They went on southward by the train. I returned to Kidderpore.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-5-10.

[*To Court*:]—The Brahmin I mentioned had a child who died at Watgunge. He had a woman with whom he lived, but I can't say if they were married. I have now quite forgotten his name. I knew of it, as Sarat Babu went to the delivery of the child.

(Sd) H. P. D.
23-5-10.

READ over in Hindustani and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
23-5-10.

Barhu Kurmi, Prosecution Witness No. 118, recalled on solemn affirmation on 25th May 1910.

[In presence of Sarat, Suresh and Satish Mittra, Sirish Chandra Sirkar and Suresh Kumar Biswas.]

THIS man is Sarat Babu. I also identify this man. He is Suresh Babu. I also identify this man (shows Lolit Chakravarti). His name I forget. I saw him when I went with the *tatwa*, and I saw him, too, at that Babu's (points Sarat Babu) house—two or three times—then says, four days. I know this man, too. He is Satis Babu. Sarat, Suresh and Satis are three *bhais*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-5-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
25-5-10.

The deposition of Syed Matabar Ali, Prosecution Witness No. 119, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of May 1910.

My name is Syed Matabar Ali. My father's name is Asahar Ali. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Kankandi, police-station Shibchar, zilla Faridpore. I reside at present at Siliguri Railway police-station, zilla Darjeeling, where I am Sub-Inspector, Government Railway Police. I used to be Sub-Inspector at Sonarpore in 1907. There was a dacoity at Chingripota, when I was there, at the Railway station, in the room of the station. I heard of it by a telegraphic message. This is it (Exhibit 58). I know it by my date and time mark in the corner. I then walked to Chingripota from my station. I then started a first-information, taking the statement from Rajendra Lal. This is it (Exhibit 29). He signed it and admitted it to be correct. I saw the place of occurrence. I noticed a glass of the door broken. I saw the key in the iron safe, which was open. I saw a porter was there wounded. I found two or three *lathis*. I found things mentioned in a list which I prepared and wrote. Where I found cash, I do not remember (list not admitted). I accompanied Mr. Todd to Calcutta on the enquiry.

I know Narendra Nath Bhattacharjya of Chingripota. Mr. Todd, the Inspector, took over the case from me as soon as he heard of it.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

23-5-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Sarat Chandra Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 120, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oaths' Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Ducat, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of May 1910.

My name is Sarat Chandra Banerji. My father's name is Mohim Chandra Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kasipur, police-station Barisal, zilla Backerganj. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am in the Criminal Investigation Department as a Sub-Inspector.

In 1909 I was the officer in charge of the Diamond Harbour police-station. On 24th April 1909 Ramtaran Mittra came and gave information that there had been a dacoity in his house I recorded the first information, and it was read over to him, and he signed it as correct. This is it (Exhibit 6). I recorded it at 8 A.M. Dinanath Deb, a neighbour, and Poran Sirdar, chowkidar, came with him. I took Dinanath's statement, too, at the thana in the morning.

Lolit was suspected in consequence of Dinanath's statement. I sent Ramtaran to hospital, as he had wound. At about 2 P.M. I reached Netra. I saw the hook of the door was loosed and broken, and that the locks of Ramtaran's *sinduk* were broken and that five or seven boxes were broken. I recorded statements that day. Next day I heard from a *chogra*—Radhika Kanta Ghose—that there were *sál* leaves and eatables in the eastern *mat*. I went there and I saw some *sál* leaves, two baskets, one *Nayak* newspaper of the 23rd April, a black pint bottle smelling of country liquor, and two ·450 cartridges. I took them into custody. These are they (Exhibit XX).

Identifies Exhibit V.

Exhibits II, IV, III, I, VI, VII.

I sent my 2nd Sub-Inspector, Dijendra Nath Acharjya, to Calcutta to arrest Lolit, and told him to get the Criminal Investigation Department to help him and search 46, Mechua Bazar—a mess where Hem Sen lived. I sent Ramtaran's *bhai* Nilratan, with him to identify. That day Nilratan gave me a supplementary list of the stolen property. This is it (Exhibit 5).

On the 26th the Superintendent of Police came and saw the place. He went to the eastern *mat*. He and I saw some small pieces of papers lying about. He told me to collect and examine them. These are the bits of paper (Exhibit 15). On the 26th I examined Ejahar Halder, Manmatha N. Mittra, Haripada Sirdar. Manmatha is cousin of one Charu Ghose, who had been shooting at Kuleswar and Diara

On 27th Abdul Syed of the Criminal Investigation Department came to assist me. He and I found a few more scraps of paper, and I pasted them together as they are now (Exhibit 15) afterwards. On 28th I examined Gopal Bhandari and Bipro Jalani.

On 29th I searched on information received for Narendra Nath Bhattacharjya of Chingripota, but could not find him.

On 2nd May I examined Devendra Nath Chakravarti.

On 4th May I went to Mazilpore. Fani Bhusan Bhattacharjya, Secretary of the Students' and Young Men's Association, was examined that day, and I got a printed copy of the letter (printed) of an invitation to the members. This is it (Exhibit 59). I pointed the Exhibit 15 in reference to this form, and took the 2nd officer's signature on it at Diamond Harbour [Exhibit 15(*a*)].

From the pasted papers I got the name of Rajani Bhattacharji from the *aj...k...* [Exhibit 15 (*b*)]. I went to his house on 7th May to arrest him, but he was not there. I sent Abdul Hosain to arrest him in Calcutta, and I searched his house. I prepared a list of what I found. This (Exhibit 60) is it. I put my initial and date on each document, and the witnesses signed, too. *Files* :—Item 9(1), item 10 (1-4), item 17 (1-2), item 14 (8 pages), item 15(3), one letter only, item 15(1), item 16(1), item 1, two letters in envelopes item 13 (three letters in envelopes), item 18, one register of Municipal Gully pits used as diary.

Exhibit 60 (1—17).

The house belongs to Ram Gopal Bhattacharji, grandfather of Rajani and Indu Kiran Bhattacharji. Nishikanta is a grandson of Ram Gopal Bhattacharji.

On 8th May Syed Abdul Hossain, Sub-Inspector, produced Rajani under arrest before me at Diamond Harbour, and I produced him before the Magistrate. He had on white canvas shoes. I produced them before the Magistrate. These are they (Exhibit XVIII.)

I searched the house of Lolit Chakravarti's father, Preo Nath Chakravarti, at Netra.

I found nothing there incriminating. I then got warrant issued against Lolit, and afterwards proclamation and attachment.

On 8th November 1909 I searched the house of Tinkori Das. This (Exhibit 61) is the list which I prepared, and these are items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of that list [Exhibit 61(1), Exhibit 61(2), Exhibit 56, Exhibit 61(3), Exhibit 61 (4)]. Hari Nath Das is Tinkori's elder brother. I deputed Sub-Inspector Harendra N. Ghose to search Chuni Nandi's house, and Sub-Inspector Harendra Lal Mitra to search Indu Kiran's house. Indu Kiran's house is the same as Ram Gopal's house, which was searched before.

I again searched the house of Chuni Lal Nandi on the 24th March this year. I also arrested him that day. This is the list (Exhibit 62). These are the articles [Exhibits 62 (1-14), Exhibit XIX, and Exhibit 62 (15-18)].

I also searched Indu Kiran's house. I also arrested him. This is the search list (Exhibit 63), and these are the articles [Exhibits 63 (1)—63 (6).] On 21st May I got these two books [Exhibits 64 (1) and 64 (2)] from the house of Chuni Lal Nandi.

On 10th March 1910 Kaloshashi Chakravarti and Satish Chandra Mukherji produced a pair of Indian clubs and three iron dumb-bells from their house at Kalikapur. Harendra Kumar Banerji gave me a letter to give to Hari Charan Banerji for them. He was not present, and these two produced the things in his absence (Exhibit XXI).

Rajani had been let out on bail. I rearrested him on 14th March on warrant.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-5-10.

(Sd.) S. C. BANERJI.
S.-I.
23-5-10.

Sarat Ch. Panerji, Sub-Inspector of the C. I. D., Prosecution Witness No. 120, recalled, on solemn affirmation.

I was at Diamond Harbour when the Netra dacoity took place, and I investigated that case. In May 1909 I went to Muzilpur over 15 times and twice searched Satya Kiran's house, and I know him. His brother is Indu Kiran, accused in this case, and his cousin joint with him is Rajani, also an accused. Satya Kiron was prosecuted at Barrackpur, and I was a witness. I saw him there, and know him to be the brother of Indu and cousin of Rajani.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
16-7-10.

(Sd.) S. C. BANERJI.
S. I.
16-7.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Syed Abdul Hossain, Prosecution Witness No. 121, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of May 1910.

My name is Syed Abdul Hossain. My father's name is Syed Mahomed Ibrahim. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Baraitika, police-station Burdwan, zilla Burdwan. I reside at present in mauza Calcutta, police-station , zilla where I am a Sub-Inspector in the C. I. D., Branch II.

In 1909 I was also Sub-Inspector in the C. I. D. I went under orders on the evening of 26th April to Netra. In the morning I went over the place with Sarat Babu. I went with him to the eastern *mat*, and there we found some pieces of paper, evidently chewed and left there. We picked them all up. Sarat Babu pasted them all together. These are they (Exhibit 15). I arrested Rajani Bhattacharji and made him over to Sarat Babu.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Syed Abdul Hossain.

S. I. of Police,

C. I. D. II,

23-5.

The deposition of J. A. Ezechiel, I. C. S., Prosecution Witness No. 122, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Joseph Aloysius Ezechiel. I reside at present at Krishnagar, zilla Nadia, where I am District Magistrate. I held the enquiry under Act XIV in case King-Emperor *versus* Sailendra K. Das and others. I recorded the statements of the accused Sushil K. Biswas under section 3 of Act XIV during the enquiry. I recorded the statement of Sushil K. Biswas on the 14th December. It was recorded at his own request after I had examined two witnesses, and I noted the fact in the Order sheet. I recorded one statement of Sailendra K. Das on 21st December 1909 under section 3 during the course of the enquiry at his own request. This I noted in the order sheet. It was recorded in the presence of all the accused. It was recorded at his dictation in English.

Exhibit 65.

Exhibit 66.

Exhibit 67.

Exhibit 68.

I was informed that Sailendra K. Das, who was then an undertrial prisoner in the Krishnagar Jail, wanted to make a statement. This was on the 9th March 1910 So I went to the jail, and he was brought up to me to the Jail Superintendent's office. I asked him what he wanted, and he said he wanted to make a statement. I then recorded what he said. This I recorded from 8 A.M. to about 11-30 A M. Then he said he felt tired and would like to resume the story next day. So I went the next day and recorded the rest of his statement. This is the statement. I cannot tell you under what section it is recorded. I am District Magistrate and as such in charge of the jail, and so recorded what the prisoner wished to say. The age of the man is about 18.

Exhibit 69.

[*To Court:*]—I did not warn him that the statement might be used in evidence against him. I was informed by the Superintendent of Police that he wished to make the statement. When I recorded the statement, there was no police there, nor any one of the accused. He alone was in the room. He gave the statement in English, and I wrote it at his dictation. I was told there was a case pending against him at Howrah. As soon as I recorded it, I sent it to the Magistrate of Howrah.

Before I gave the certificate, I was satisfied that it was being made voluntarily. He read over the statement and then signed it.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

24-5-10.

(Sd.) J. A. Ezechiel.

24-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

24-5-10.

Mr. Ezechiel, Prosecution Witness No. 122, recalled on 29th June 1910, on oath.

I remember Susil Kumar Biswas. On 27th December 1909 I recorded a statement in the nature of a confession made by him. He said it was about the Raita dacoity. At the time he was a prisoner under trial in the Kristanagar Jail in the Haludbari case. When I visited the Jail as District Magistrate on the morning of the 27th, Sushil said to me he wanted to make a statement. I had him brought to the Jail Superintendent's office at once and I then recorded what he had to say. I was satisfied the statement was a voluntary one. This is it (Exhibit 234). The statement was made in Bengali and I translated it myself. I read it over to Sushil. I do not write Bengali fast. He admitted it correct and signed it. I believe Sushil knows a certain amount of English.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

29-6-10.

(Sd.) J. A. Ezechiel.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Jadunath Shaha Kundu, Prosecution Witness No. 183, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Jadunath Shaha Kundu. My father's name is Gadadhar Shaha Kundu. I am by caste Teli. My home is at mauza Saraghat, police-station Sara, zilla Pabna, where I reside at present, where I am a jotedar, and for a short time I have been a broker in Calcutta. At Calcutta I live at 22, Kumartuli Street. I know Kali Nath Shaha. I worked for him from 1284 B. S. to 1315 B.S. at Calcutta, and for a short time at Sadarpur, when I once examined his account for him. I bought a gun once for him. It was an one-barelled breach-loading gun. I bought it from K. C. Biswas for over 100 rupees. I think it was Rs. 125 or Rs. 120. I gave evidence at Kristanagar about this before Mr. Ezechiel. I was there shown a gun. It was the same sort as the gun I bought. The pass for the gun was taken from the district of Nadia.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) Sri Jadunath Shaha Kundu (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

The deposition of Panchanan Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 124, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Panchanan Chatterji. My father's name is Gobinda Chandra Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Dharmada, police-station Nakasipara, zilla Nadia. I reside at present in mauza Kristapur, police-station Lalgola, zilla Murshidabad, where I am station master. I was station master of Mirpur in October 1909. On the 28th October six young men were arrested at my station between 7 and 8 A M., a little before the 16-Down Passenger arrived. Nogendra Nath Gupta, Sub-Inspector, called me from my office where I was busy, and said he suspected three boys sitting on a bench, and asked me to go with him. He said he suspected them of dacoity. I asked him where there had been dacoity, and he said at Haludbari. He arrested the three; meanwhile three more came in front of the station. He suspected them, and he had them arrested by a constable. They were all put to sit together. They were then searched. The six search lists where prepared in my presence, and I signed them. These are they (Exhibits 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75). On one man's person ten small packets with a cover like thin leather of green colour were found. One was opened, and inside was powder. I can identify the boys arrested, and I did so in the High Court.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

24-5-10.

(Sd.) PANCHANAN CHATTERJI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

24-5-10.

Panchanan Chatterji, Prosecution Witness No. 124, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 25th May 1910.

[In presence of nine accused—Kiran Ch. Rai, Sailendra K. Das, Ganesh Ch. Das, Sailendra N. Chatterji, Atul Ch. Mukherji, Upen Deb, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Manmatha N. Biswas, and Narendra N. Biswas.]

I IDENTIFY this man as one of the six (Kiran Ch. Rai). I identify this man, who is Sailendra K. Das. I identify this man (Ganesh Ch. Das), and this man (Sailendra N. Chatterji), and this man (Atul Ch. Mukherji).

I also identify this man (Upendra Krista Deb). (He appears very doubtful about it, and finally cannot say for certain if he knows him.)

This (Exhibit 70(1)] was found on one accused in my presence; also this 70(2), and this 70(3), and this 70(4). I signed them all at the time of search (shows his signature). These things (two green rubber balls containing powder) were also found in the search (Exhibit XXII).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-5-10.

(Sd.) PANCHANAN CHATTERJI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-5-10.

The deposition of Kartik Patai, Prosecution Witness No 125, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Kartik Patai. My father's name is Atal Patai. I am by caste Patai. My home is at mauza Beliasishi, police-station Mirpur, zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, and where I am a ferryman at the Beliasishi ghat over the Ilajha *nudi* I am raiyat of Nalinakhya Rai. I know Bidhu Bhusan and Susil Biswas, who are of my village. They are 1st cousins and live together. I remember last Lakhi *Puja* day. I remember I crossed about 20 people in one crossing, among whom were some eight *bhadraloks'* sons. This was in the morning. If I see them, I may be able to identify them. I identified some of them before the Magistrate at Kristanagar and at the High Court. I had some conversation with them. They told me in answer to my question that they belonged to the *kuti* Shikarpur, and were going to Mirpur. I remember Momin Dalal and Jadu Molla Dalal crossed at the same time. One of the *bhadraloks'* sons punted the boat, I remember. They paid their fare, eight pice. One paid the eight pice for them all.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

Kartik Patai, Prosecution Witness No. 125, recalled on solemn affirmation on 25th May 1910.

[In presence of ten accused, nine as in case of witness No. 124, and Sushil Biswas.]

I took over in my boat on that occasion this man (Kiran Rai), this man (Sailendra K. Das), this man (Ganesh Ch. Das), this man (Upendra Kumar Deb), this man (Atul Ch. Mukerji).

I also identify this man (he is Bidhu Biswas), and this man (Sushil K. Biswas). They were not in the boat. I know them, as they live in our village.

This man (shows Upendra K. Deb) was the man who punted with a pole.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

Prosecution Witness No. 125, recalled on solemn affirmation on 9th June 1910.

I have seen this man (shows Sirish Sirkar) at Bidhu's house, and this man (Manmatha Biswas), and this man (Lolit Chakravarti) also there. I had been to Bidhu's house before the Haludbari dacoity and seen him there.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Maulavi Abul Fazal, Prosecution Witness No. 126, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Abul Fazal Muhammad Mahmood. My father's name is Kazi Golam Molla. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Barasat, police-station Barasat, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Kushtea, police-station Kushtea, zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Deputy Magistrate. In the case of King-Emperor *versus* Sailendra K Das and others, I took certain witnesses to the sub-jail to identify some of the accused under orders of the Subdivisional Officer of Kushtea. I made notes of my identification. This is it (Exhibit 76). Accused were mixed up in a group of 17 persons, of whom ten were outsiders and seven were undertrial prisoners. All were similarly dressed. There were six witnesses—

Belash Rai, who identified Sailendra K. Das, Atul Chandra Mukherji, Sailendra N. Chatterji and Ganesh Das.

Kaluram Agarwalla identified Atul Mukherji, Sailendra N. Chatterji, Sailendra K. Das, Kiran Chandra Rai and Ganesh Chandra Das.

Fukir Ghose identified Sailendra K. Das, Sailendra Nath Chatterji and Atul Chandra Mukherji.

Kedar Nath Agarwalla identified Upendra Kumar De, Sailendra N. Chatterji, Ganesh Das and Atul Mukherji.

Durga Prasad Agarwalla identified Atul Mukherji and Sailendra Nath Chatterji.

Kartik Manjhi identified Upendra Krista De, Kiran Rai, Sailendra Kumar Das, Atul Ch. Mukherji and Ganesh Das.

This was on the 30th October 1909.

I remember Sailendra K. Das. I recorded a statement made by him on 29th October. I warned him that I was a Magistrate. He made the statement at my residence None else was present at the time. I was satisfied before I recorded it that he was making it voluntarily. I took down what he said exactly and correctly and gave the certificate. This is the confession (Exhibit 77). Accused signed after I read it over to him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) A. F. M. Mahmood.
24-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

The deposition of Bidhu Bhusan Sanyal, Prosecution Witness No. 127, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Bidhu Bhusan Sanyal. My father's name is Girish Chandra Sanyal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kristanagar, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Kristanagar, where I reside at present, and where I am *fouzdari* record-keeper of Kristanagar. I am in charge of the Gun-license Register. I produce the Index Register of gun license case of 1896. I have been record-keeper about a year. I am in charge of this register. This (Exhibit 78) is the entry concerning the gun of Kali Nath Saha.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) Bidhu Bhusan Sanyal.
R. K.
24-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

Bidhu Bhusan Sanyal, Prosecution Witness No. 127, recalled on solemn affirmation on 27th May 1910.

I produce the Register of 1894 also. This is the entry (Exhibit 96).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Bidhu Bhusan Sanyal.
R. K.
27-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Binode Behari Gupta, Prosecution Witness No. 128, aged about 43 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Binode Behari Gupta. My father's name is Umesh Ch. Gupta. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at Jorasanko, Calcutta. I reside at present in mauza Kristanagar, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Nadia, where I am Court Inspector. On 10th November 1909 I took seven packets, which were packed in India-rubber, from Kushtea, where I had received them from Sub-Inspector Manmatha Nath Sen, who was investigating the Haludbari dacoity case, to the Chemical Examiner, Captain Emslie Smith, at the Medical College, Calcutta. I delivered the packets to him personally. He opened them in my presence, saw the contents, and kept them for examination. I came again on the 20th November to Calcutta under my Superintendent's orders, and took delivery of them, and I produced them before the District Magistrate of Nadia.

In the Haludbari case I arrested Bidhu, Sushil and Manmatha Biswas, the two former on 7th November at Beliashishi in the same house, and Manmatha at Rajshahi on the 27th November. I produced Bidhu and Sushil before the Magistrate of Kushtea, and Manmatha before the District Magistrate of Rajshahi. I arrested Lolit Mohan Chatterji and Nibaran Ch. Mazumdar *alias* Karu on 27th January at the house of Lolit Mohan at Kristanagar. I took them to the District Magistrate of Nadia, and under his orders I produced them before the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta. I arrested them on a warrant on a charge of murder of the late Khan Bahadur Shamsul Alam. I also arrested Harendra N. Banerji at Kushtea. He was then under trial in a Prisons Act case at Kushtea.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) B. Gupta.
C. I.
24-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

Binode Behari Gupta, Prosecution Witness No. 128, recalled on 20th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In December 1909 I was on special duty at Kushtia and other places in Nadia. Soilendra Kumar Das was at Kushtia Sub-Jail in November and beginning of December 1909. I saw him there. He was accused in the Haludbari dacoity case. Harendra Nath Banerji used to come and look after his case at Kushtia (identifies Harendra). One day he brought to the Court two blankets and a cloth for Soilendra. In December or January I received from Sub-Inspector Manmatha Nath Sen this letter (Exhibit 162) and I made it over to Mr. Charles Hardless for examination at the end of February, and with it some sample handwriting of Harendra, written in my presence. These are the samples (Exhibits 163, 164, 165, 166).

I know Makhan Chandra Kormakar and his brother Khokan. Makhan was prosecuted for making arrow-heads. I stated this in the first information (Exhibit 167) against him. A daffadar made over the arrow-heads to me. The arrow-heads were afterwards destroyed by order of the Magistrate.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) B. Gupta.
Inspector.
20-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Kasiswar Mullick, Prosecution Witness No. 129, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Kasiswar Mullick. My father's name is Sibahari Mullick. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Benares, where I reside at present. I am a Sub-Inspector of Police. I am at present on leave. Before, I was in charge of Kotwali police-station, Rajshahi. In August 1909 I was Sub-Inspector there. I investigated a theft case instituted by Banku Behari Saha. It was a case of theft of jute and a gun. Banku is naib of Kalinath Saha. This (Exhibit 80) is the first information written by Kafiluddin Ahmed. Subsequently a list was made of the stolen property by Girish Ch. Ghose. This is it. I know his signature and writing (Exhibit 81). I could not find the gun. I submitted final report as true.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) KASISWAR MULLICK.
S. I. (on leave).
24-5-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-5-10.

The deposition of Kafiluddin Ahmed, Prosecution Witness No. 130, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Kafiluddin Ahmed. My father's name is Daliluddin Ahmed. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Hatem Khan, police-station Kotwali, zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present, and where I am Sub-Inspector of Kotwali thana. I know Nripendra Narain Rai. He is a ward of the Puteа Estate under Government. I enquired into some guns held by this boy, and I found that his gun was sold to Jharu Bagchi *alias* Kedar Nath Bagchi, and I reported to the District Magistrate through the District Superintendent of Police accordingly. This was in 1908 or 1909. I was with Mr. Bradshaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police, when we searched Jharu's house for the gun, but could not find it. Imasuddi laid a first information before me of a theft of Kali Nath Saha's property. This (Exhibit 80) is it. I have known Manmatha Biswas from 1906 or 1907, and Jharu from his childhood. These two were always associated together and are great friends. I have seen them going for picnics together. Jharu Bagchi had a jolly boat, and I have seen them both in it. I and Inspector Binode Behari Gupta arrested Manmatha and sent him to the Rajshahi Magistrate. We arrested him outside the Technical School. We called him out and arrested him.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) KAFILUDDIN AHMED.
24-5.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

Kafiluddin Ahmed, Prosecution Witness No. 130, recalled on solemn affirmation on 18th June 1910.

In connection with this case, I went to the Bholanath Academy, Rajshahi, and inspected the registers. I took possession of some registers and produce the attendance register for 1907 onwards. The book is now in the same condition as when I seized it.

I went to the Technical School and seized there eight registers. They are in the condition in which they were then.

I also took possession of five books of accounts at Giribala's shop.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

ADMITTED correct.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) KAFILUDDIN AHMED.
18-6-10.

The deposition of K. C. Sirkar, Prosecution Witness No. 131, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 24th day of May 1910.

My name is Koilash Chandra Sirkar. My father's name is Dina Bandhu Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Bangram, police-station Chatmaha, zilla Pabna. I reside at present at 13, Patuatolla Lane, zilla Calcutta, where I am a teacher of shorthand. I have a school for shorthand and typewriting at 57, Harrison Road. I know Sailendra K. Das and Ganesh Ch. Das. They were my students in shorthand and typewriting. Their names are in my register. This is my Admission Register kept under my supervision, and correctly kept (Exhibit 82). Ganesh Das was admitted on 22nd February 1909, and Sailendra on 23rd February 1909. I could identify them if I saw them. They left my school before the last *puja*. I think, last October. They attended all through September, and the school was closed at the end of September, and they did not return after the holidays.

I do not remember any Hem Chandra Sen at my school. I now see there is one such name. I think he may have been in the typing class. I am more closely connected with the shorthand class. I saw Ganesh and Sailendra outside sometimes together.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

(Sd.) K. C. Sirkar.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
24-5-10.

K. C. Sirkar recalled on solemn affirmation on 25th May 1910.

In presence of ten accused, as in case of Witness No. 128.

I identify as being the boys in my school, these two. They are Ganesh Ch. Das and Sailendra K. Das.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

(Sd.) K. C. Sirkar.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H P Duval.

The deposition of Durga Das Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 132, aged about 59 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

In presence of the accused, as to case of Witness No. 131.

My name is Durga Das Mukherji. My father's name is Raj Chandra Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Aria, police-station Daulatpore, zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, and where I am a mahajan and rice dealer. I identify this Sub-Inspector, Manmatha Sen. He took me and with me Sailendra Kumar Das, whom I identify, to the side of the Jhajha river to some scrub jungle. He showed a tree, and said that at the roots of it were some guns in the scrub jungles. We began to search, and found first a double-barrelled gun. This is the gun. I know it by my signature on the label. We also found an one-barrelled gun. This is it. It bears my signature on the wood (Exhibit XXIV).

Exhibit XXIII.

Sailendra said there was a *guli* in the double-barrelled gun. We found it. A havildar, who was with us, extracted it. This is it—an Eley's cartridge (Martin No. 6). A list was prepared, and I signed it. This is the list (Exhibit 83), and this my signature [Exhibit 83 (*a*)].

Exhibit XXV.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

(Sd.) Sri Durga Das Mukhopadhaya (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

The deposition of Manmatha Sen, Prosecution Witness No. 133, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

In presence of ten accused, as in case of witness No. 131.

My name is Manmatha Sen. My father's name is Jogendra Nath Sen. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chandpur, police-station Daspur, zilla Midnapore. I reside at present at Daulatpore, police-station , zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of Daulatpore thana. Haludbari is in my *elaka*. On 28th October I got information in the morning at 5 A.M. from Kaluram Agarwalla. I recorded his statement and read it over to him, and he signed it. This is it (Exhibit 84). I went to the spot. There I saw that two of the doors of his house were broken, and that two iron chests were open, that there was a broken tin box I found a false beard lying in the house. I took it into custody. This is it (Exhibit XXVI). In the bazar I found a half-burnt torch and some burnt rags. This is the torch (Exhibit XXVII). It had a dhobi-mark on it (shown ⌣ ⋮) I found a wooden box broken open in front of Sitanath Saha's house, and two iron bars of his shop broken. Kaluram gave me 12 cartridges of ·450 bore. These are they (Exhibit XXVIII). I found a match-box in the half-finished godown of Kaluram. I went the way the dacoits retreated under the direction of Kokil Sheik. I went to a bush called Sabi Fakir's *durga*. There I found this beard (Exhibit XXIX), and also a lantern and *lathi* and a red purse containing silver bits and some two silver *asaphis*. I had seen injured men—Modan Sirdar, Rameswar Napit, and Nasiruddin Sheikh at Halubari—and I sent them to Kushtea hospital for medical examination. I sent Nishi Kanta Ganguli to make enquiries, and he brought some torn cloth and some newspapers, a small tin case which he had found under a banian tree. I got a list of the stolen properties from Kaluram and Bilash. I also took information of a second dacoity from Kunjya Nath. I recorded his statement at the village. I read it over, and he acknowledged its correctness (Exhibit 85).

I then started to Mirpur, and reached there that night and saw six men under arrest in the lock-up. These are they (shows) Atul Chandra Mukherji, Sailendra K. Chatterji, Upendra Kristo De, Ganesh Ch. Das, Sailendra K. Das and Kiran Ch. Rai. Next morning I examined their clothes, and on Ganesh I found a cloth, shirt and guernsey with a similar dhobi-mark to the mark on the rag (shows the clothes and mark).

Two or three days after I returned to Haludbari. Complainant then gave me another 25 cartridges, saying they were found by his cowshed in a field. I took them into custody. On 26th November I took Sailendra K. Das on police remand, and he led me to a place from where two guns were recovered. It was on the north of Chetla Ferry Ghat. Two guns and a cartridge were recovered from a small bush. Durga Das Mukherji, who has just given evidence, was with me. Identifies Exhibits XXIII, XXIV and XXV. I made a list. This is it (Exhibit 83). The late Sub-Inspector Nagendra Nath Gupta had made over to me the things found in the search of the persons of these six men at Mirpur station. I sent seven of the poisoned packets for chemical examination by Babu Binode Behari Gupta. Nagendra Nath Gupta, who arrested the six men at Mirpur, is dead.

I arrested Narendra Nath Biswas (identifies him) in his uncle Manmatha Biswas's house.

This lantern (Exhibit XXXI) is the lantern I found at Sabi Fakir's *durga*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-5-10.

(Sd.) M. Sen.

25-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-5-10.

Monmatha Sen, Prosecution Witness No. 133, recalled on 20th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

In 1909 I went to Kushtia while Soilendra Kumar Das was in the local Sub-Jail. I had an interview with him there with the Magistrate's permission. He told me Harendra Nath Banerji had smuggled a letter in to him through a head warder, requesting him to retract a confession. He said he feared he would be in danger if he did not retract. I informed the Magistrate by petition and I informed Shamsul Alam and Nishi Kanto Banerji, who were at Kushtia on that day. The Magistrate went to the Sub-Jail and spoke to Soilendra. He noted in the back of my report what Soilendra said. Soilendra told me

that he had replied on the back of the letter and sent the letter back by the head warder. Harendra was arrested at the Court station and no letter was found on him. I searched for the letter and found it near the Jail compound outside the Jail in fragments. This is the letter and I put it together as it is now. I showed it to Soilendra, who identified it, and subsequently I made it over to Binode Behari Gupta myself. I compared this paper the note-book, and the paper agreed with the paper in the note-book. The jail warder is with under suspension. Harendra was arrested about 11 A.M. The pieces of the letter were found at 3 or 4 P.M. Subash Chandra Singha Rai, Sub-Inspector, and a man of Mirpur Police jurisdiction were with me when I found the letter.

Exhibit 168.
(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) M. SEN.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

Monmatha Nath Sen, Prosecution Witness No. 133, recalled on 30th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the house of Prokriti Mazumdar and prepared this list (Exhibit 269). I searched on 31st December 1909. I have correctly noted what I found.

I found the *khata* book [Exhibit 269 (1)] and these [269 (2)]. I also searched the house of Kristo Prosad Biswas the same day. I made this list (Exhibit 270). I found this post-card [Exhibit 270 (1)] and this diary [Exhibit 270 (2)] and *khata* book [270 (3)] and these papers [Exhibit 270 (4)].

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) M. SEN.

The deposition of Bhuban M. Rai, Prosecution Witness No. 134, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

In presence of accused, as in case of Witness No. 131.

My name is Bhuban M. Rai. My father's name is Nobo Narain Rai. I am by caste Mahisya. My home is at mauza 8, Gopalnagar Road, zilla Alipur, where I reside at present, and where I am an agriculturist. I have a branch nursery garden at 3, Bridge Road. My main nursery is at 8, Gopalnagar Road. I know Tarak Nath Rai. He lives in part of the holding No. 3, Bridge Road. I was present at a search at his house. A list was prepared of the things found. I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 86). We found these cartridges (Exhibit XXXII). This syphon [Exhibit 86 (1)], and these cartridges (Exhibit XXXIII), and these books, &c.....86 (2)—(6) and papers 86 (7)—(11), and these 86 (12) and 86 (13).

There was a gymnastic club just in front of Tarak Nath Rai's house. Monoranjan Das was a member of the club. I and some others went and had the fences of this club broken down, and broke up the club as we did not approve of it. This was just when the *swadeshi* movement arose.

I know Tarak Nath Rai. He has a son, Kiran Ch. Rai (points out first Atul Ch. Mukherji) then shows Kiran Ch. Rai.

The articles were found inside this tin box (shows). The police broke it open, as Tarak Rai said the key was with his son and not with him.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-5-10.

(Sd.) BHUBAN MOHON RAI.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-5-10.

The deposition of Sarat Ch. Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 135, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

In presence of ten accused, as in case of Witness No. 151.

My name is Sarat Chandra Chakravarti. My father's name is Manmatha Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Dhabdhubi, police-station Baruipore, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Sibpur, police-station—zilla Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector. I got a search warrant and I searched the house of Upendra Kumar De of Jaugacha on 30th October 1909. Upendra was not present I prepared the list, and it is correctly entered. Witnesses were present, and they signed (Exhibit 87). This was one of the papers found [Exhibit 87 (1)]. I recorded it as five pages, as five pages only were covered with writing.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-5-10.

(Sd.) Sarat Chandra Chakravarti.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

25-5-10.

Sarat Chandra Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 135, recalled on solemn affirmation on 7th June 1910.

In the search we found this piece of paper [Exhibit 87 (2)], and I had it signed by the witnesses. I think it was inside the paper—No. 8 of my list. The words "under 1A $\frac{1A}{256}$" were, so far as I remember, there when I found it.

I found—

9 copies of *Dharma* [Exhibit 87 (3)],
1 copy of *Karmayogin* [Exhibit 87 (4)],
4 post-cards [Exhibit 87 (5)—(8)],
1 copy of *Bangabijeta* [Exhibit 87 (9)],
1 book *Kurukshetra Ranabasan* [Exhibit 87 (10)],
1 copy *Bande Mataram* [Exhibit 87 (11)], and one *Hitabadi* [Exhibit 87 (12)],
1 copy *Banger Angaccheb Jogya* [Exhibit 87 (13)],
A manuscript song book [Exhibit 87 (14)],
3 post-cards [Exhibit 87 (15)—(17)], and this diary [Exhibit 87 (18)].

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

7-6-10.

(Sd.) Sarat Chandra Chakravarti.

S. I.

7-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

7-6-10.

The deposition of Sisir Kumar Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 136, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

In presence of Satis Sarkar and Lolit Chakravarti.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

My name is Sisir Kumar Pal. My father's name is Amrita Lal Pal. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Sibpur, zilla Howrah. I reside at present in mauza Darjeeling, where I am Superintendent and Medical Officer of the Lowis Sanitarium, Darjeeling, since May 1899. I was in charge in October 1909. I identify this man, Lalit Mohan Chakravarti; he was staying in the Sanitarium. He was arrested by the police, and so left it. His person was searched in my presence. Two lists were prepared. I kept one, and the police took one We keep an Inmate Register and a Diary book. Lalit was residing at the Sanitarium at the time of arrest. He was in a four-bedded room. One Amaresh Bhattacharya was in that room. I cannot say who else there was There was a person of the name of Sirish Ch. Sirkar. I think he had left before Lalit's arrest. This man (shows) is Sirish Ch. Sirkar. I can say when I see my books when he left. Sirish and Lalit came together on the same day.

I received this letter (Exhibit 88) probably on 26th August. On 22nd September I received this letter (Exhibit 89) from an inmate in the ordinary course of business. I scarcely had any opportunity of seeing his handwriting. I do not think there was any other Sirish Chandra Sirkar staying then at the Sanitarium. I asked my clerk if the money order had been received or not. I perhaps told the writer that no money had been received. He enquired from me in addition to this letter as to the money order. I know Mr. R. N. Roy referred to in this letter. After this letter, some few days, he came to me one day to the Sanitarium in my office and asked where Sirish Sirkar was living. I took him to Sirish's room, and we met Sirish at the door, and I left them together to talk. Mr. R. N. Roy is a Barrister. Sometimes he comes to Darjeeling. His family has a house of their own. It is, I think, Rose Villa. I received a letter from him. I do not know where it is. I cannot find it now. The police searched the official files for it, and I searched my private papers I had received this letter before 22nd September, I think. So far as I remember, he wrote he was sending a money order for Sirish Chandra Sirkar. What else he said, I forget. He probably sent the letter from Calcutta. I received this letter (Exhibit. 90). This letter was received by my clerk (Exhibit 91). This (Exhibit 92) was probably disposed of by my clerk, and so was this (Exhibit 93). My clerk writes the Diary and the Inmate Register. His office is under my supervision, and I see these books nearly every day.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

25-5-10.

SIRISH CHANDRA SIRKAR was asked if he wished to ask any question; he said he did not. He also was given inspection of the letters written by him and his father.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Hem Chandra Lahiri, Prosecution Witness No. 137, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of May 1910.

My name is Hem Chandra Lahiri. My father's name is Koilash Chandra Lahiri. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kumarkali, police-station Kumarkali, zilla Nadia. I reside at present at Bhowanipur police-station—where I am a Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I searched the house of Tarak Nath Rai on a warrant. I prepared a search list. This is it (Exhibit 86). I wrote it myself and signed it. The things I found were all entered in the list.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-5-10.

(Sd.) H. C. Lahiri.
S. I. P. I. S.
25-5-10.

The deposition of Ashutosh Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 138, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Chakravarti. My father's name is Prio Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Behala, police-station Behala, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, where I am employed in a bicycle shop of Ratan Chandra Biswas, which was formerly at 86, Diamond Harbour Road; but is now, for the last four or six months, at Chinsurah. The shop has, however, been closed the last two months, and I am living at home. I know Dr. Sarat Chandra Mitra. His house was at the side of our shop. People used to come to his place. I saw Atul Das frequenting his house. Atul was the landlord of our shop. Others I could identify. Raj Mohan was the compounder of Sarat Doctor. Jotin Pal used to go to Sarat's and to my shop, too. Sarat has two brothers, one of whom is Suresh, and they were living there, too. Nani Lal Das I know. He used to go about with Atul Das. There was also a Brahmin youth of fair complexion living there. I only saw him with Sarat Doctor, Suresh and Raj Mohon. I saw two Punjabis come in the house. I also saw Punjabis passing there and going at times into the dispensary. I might be able to identify them. I could identify these Bengalis, too, that I saw more frequently.

Chunai Singh is produced before the court:—I do not identify this man.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

(Sd.) ASHUTOSH CHAKRAVARTI.
Behala.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

Ashutosh Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 138, recalled on solemn affirmation on 10th June 1910.

I identify Sarat Doctor and his brother (shows Suresh). I have seen this man (shows Lalit) two or three times at Sarat Babu's house.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) ASHUTOSH CHAKRAVARTI.
10-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Ratan Chandra Biswas, Prosecution Witness No. 139, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Ratan Chandra Biswas. My father's name is Nobo Krishna Biswas. I am by caste Mahisya. My home is at mauza Behala, police-station Behala, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present. I have a bicycle shop now at Chinsurah. Formerly it was at 86, Diamond Harbour Road. Ashutosh Chakravarti, who has just given evidence, worked in my shop. Dr. Sarat had his house by the side of my shop. His compounder is Raj Mohon. I have seen him there. Others, who frequented the house of Dr. Sarat, were Atul Krishna Das and Jotin Pal, who said some time he lived at Sibpur and some time at Bhowanipore. He had a bicycle, and I knew him as he brought it to my shop for repairs. Nani Das also frequented the place. I have seen, too, a Brahmin youth of fair complexion playing chess with Sarat Doctor. He used to do oil-painting, too. Sarat Doctor told me that he had done an oil-painting of trees, which was painted on the wooden screen dividing the compounder's room from the other outer rooms. I saw two or three Punjabis come there. They came from the Durgapur side. I cannot say what their occupation was. They had big, plain, white *pagris*, and carried little sticks. I used myself to play chess with the doctor. While doing so, I have seen the Punjabis go into the house. Once, when I was in my shop, I saw the Punjabis go into the inner part of the house. I saw Punjabis go there five or six times. I could identify the Bengalis and Punjabis. I heard no conversation between the Doctor and the Punjabis. I cannot identify this man (Chunai).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-5-10.

(Sd.) Rathan Chandra Biswas.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-5-10.

Ratan Chandra Biswas, Prosecution Witness No. 139, recalled on solemn affirmation on 10th June 1910.

I identify Sarat Babu (Sarat Mitra). He has a *doctorkhana*. I know this man (Suresh Mittra) by sight. I have seen him at the Doctor's (Sarat's), he is his *bhai*. I have seen this man (Lalit) at the Doctor's. I do not know his name. I do not recognise any of these Punjabis (Ram Golam, Surjan and Chunai).

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Rathan Chandra Biswas.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Sital Ganguli, Prosecution Witness No. 140, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Sital Chandra Ganguli. My father's name is Raj Chandra Ganguli. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Sibpur, police-station Sibpur, zilla Howrah. I reside at present in mauza Sibpur. I am Assistant, Bengal Secretariat, Judicial Department. I live in Chaudhuripara in Sibpur. I know Bistupada, son of Satyapada Chatterji, Bhuban Mukherji, Nani Gopal Gupta, Bhutan, youngest brother of Bhuban and son of the late Dina Bandhu Mukherji. I have known them since their birth. There was an *Anusilan Samiti* at Sibpur. There was one near Bhuban's house, just in front of it and another at Nani Gopal's. There they learnt athletic sport by *lathi*-playing. I have seen them doing so number of times. I have seen those I have mentioned and others playing. Many others came there, too, but I did not know them all. There was one *samiti* and there were the play-grounds. Subodh Chandra Dutt, son of Kristo Dutt, was the leader of the place where Bhuban and Bhutan played. Subodh used to live in Chaudhuripara. At present he lives at Sanapara in Sibpur. I can't say who was the head of the other play-ground; but a man, who seemed to be a Punjabi man, used to come and teach them. He was unknown to us. Bhuban used to go to Nani's place nearly every day, and they were together near Bhujanga tank nearly every night till 11 P.M. I have not noticed the boys go from one play-ground to play on the other one. I can identify them I have named. I am not sure if I could identify others whom I have seen playing when I have been passing.

If I remember right, I asked Bhuban about two or three young men I saw, and Bhuban told me, "You do not know them; they are Kidderpore men." I objected to their presence, the ladies of our quarters go from one house to another; and we object to to strangers sitting about in our quarter.

There are no play-grounds now. Everything is stopped. Last year, when I returned from Darjeeling in the end of October or beginning of November, I found the *samiti*, etc., had been abolished. I think I saw the boys after that a few times. I have not noticed they were gathered together.

I used to see Noni, Bhuban and Bistu at the Bhujanga tank sitting and smoking *ganja*. I saw them smoking once or twice. I saw them sitting there every night together as I passed. This was after the *samitis* were abolished.

I saw one Punjabi come near Bhuban's house and once two Punjabis there. They had big *pagris* and white clothes and small cane-sticks. I might be able to identify them, but it is now nine months. I think the sticks had silver or electro-brass on the head. I think I have seen this man (Chunai) at Noni Gopal's place. I think he is the man who used to teach *lathi*-play and wrestling at Noni's place.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-5-10.

(Sd.) Sital Ch. Ganguli.
26-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-5-10.

Sital Chandra Ganguli, Prosecution Witness No. 140, recalled on solemn affirmation on 10th June 1910.

I identify Bhuban, Bhutan, Bishtupada, and Noni Gopal. These, only four, I know. I cannot recognise any others.

Seeing Chunai and Surjan together, he says, now, I think, it was this man (Surjan Singh) who went to Sibpur and not the other man.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Sital Ch. Ganguli.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Bhagwan Das, Prosecution Witness No. 141, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Bhagwan Das My father's name is Uttum Das Gupta. I am by caste Sonar. My home is at maura Sarai Mokdampur, police-station Dinapore, Zilla Patna I reside at present at Kidderpore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I have a pawn-broker's shop. Pandit Jagnarain Misser I know. He used to live with me. He died about a month ago at his house near Dinapore, in village Mustafarpur. He was living with me nearly three years ago. He came here to study "Niruktya" with Satya Britha Swami Sarma, after having been at Benares studying the Vedas Satya Britha is a Government Pandit in a college. Jagnarain was my *guru*. He used to teach me Nagri. He did not teach me religion. Basanta used to work at my shop One Nagen worked too, and after he left, one Naren was at my shop. He used to sit in the shop when the Pandit was sitting there. Naren married a widow. Naren married her according to the Arya Samaj rites at the garden of Pandit Sankarnath, near the tramway going to Kalighat. I and a large crowd went to the wedding. After the marriage Naren stayed in the house of Nanda, son of Makundi, in Garbari, and after that in a hut which I had erected near my shop.

At the time of *Holi*, about two and a half years ago, we had a *Homa* ceremony. I issued invitations on leaflets, and a large number of people came, including some *sepahis*. Some *sepahis* took *Janui* from the Pandit Jagnarain. Naren took part in the *Homa* ceremony.

The police once came to my house, and I shewed them all the ornaments I had. They arrested the Pandit, Basanto and Naren. The Pandit was released from Hooghly and then went home. I know Dr. Sarat. He came to my shop, and he is my doctor. He used to come if anyone was ill. His fee was one rupee. Naren's younger brother used to come and see him at the shop. Ashu "master" came to the shop at times and sat there. Whether he came to see Naren I cannot say. Nityananda is son-in-law of the owner of the house where my shop is. He is son-in-law of Hari Babu, who is a partner with me, and he came at times to the shop. I can't say if people also came from Sibpur to the shop. I am a member of the Arya Samaj.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
26-5-10.

(Sd.) Bhagwan Das Gupta (*in Hindusthani*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
26-5-10.

Bhagwan Das, Prosecution Witness No. 141, recalled on solemn affirmation.

I identify only Sarat Doctor. I identify this man (Surjan Singh). He was at the *homad* ceremony I do not clearly identify this man (Chunai), nor this man (Ram Golam).

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Bhagwan Das (*in Hindusthani*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Abbas Sobhan, Prosecution Witness No. 142, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Abbas Sobhan. My father's name is Taleb Hossein. I am by caste Musalman My home is at mauza Nekhandi, police-station Khetugram, Zilla Burdwan. I reside at present at Waterloo police-station, Calcutta, where I am Head Constable.

I was deputed in June 1908 to watch the Jat soldiers and see whether any Babus came to speak to the soldiers. This was under the orders of Superintendent Mr. Aldridge. I watched there. I used to see sometimes two, sometimes four Babus come there. There were grown-up people, as well as youths. They used to come and talk to the *sepahis*, but what they said I do not know. I might be able to identify some of them. I might be able to identify the *sepahis*. I watched them for about 10 or 12 days from 10 to 5. I reported what I saw to the Superintendent in writing. One of these *sepahis* might have been this man (Chunshi), but I cannot say if he was one.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

26-5-10.

(Sd.) ABDUS SOBHAN,
H. C.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

26-5-10.

Abdus Sobhan, Witness No. 142, on solemn affirmation.

I THINK that I saw this man (shows Bhuban Mukherji) and this man (shows Bhutan Mukherji) at the Alipore Lines sitting on the bank of the tank within the Lines. I often saw Bengalis there talking to the *sepahis*, but I do not recollect if I actually saw these men talking to the *sepahis*.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

11-7-10.

(Sd.) ABDUS SOBHAN,
H. C., Sec. L., Town.
11-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

11-7-10.

The deposition of Binoy Kristo Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 143, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Binoy Kristo Banerji. My father's name is Rungolal Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalighat, police-station Bhawanipur, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present. I am Head Constable, Special Branch, Calcutta Police. I was ordered to watch the lines at Alipore in June 1908 by Superintendent Mr. Aldridge, to see if any Bengalis went to the lines, and, if so, what they did. I went at 6 A.M. up to 11 A.M., and from 3 P.M. to 10 or 11 P.M I saw sometimes one, sometimes two, sometimes three, and sometimes four young men go there. One man I saw was older. I saw a pleader of Alipore, Upendra Nath Brahma, there once. I saw, too, two Bengali *chogras* talking to two *sepahis* one day. I got the names of the sepahis. One was Agran Singh. I do not remember the name of the other. I tried to get the Bengalis' names, but could not get their names. I reported to my Superintendent.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

Sd.) BENOY KRISHNA BONERJEE,
H. C.

READ over and admited correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

Benoy Kristo Banerji, Witness No. 143, recalled on 11th July 1910 on solemn affirmation.

ONE of the men I saw in the Alipore Lines was like this man (Bhutan). I do not recognise any one else.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) BENOY KRISHNA BONERJEE,
H. C.
11-7-10.

READ over by and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Chunai Singh, Prosecution Witness No. 144, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 26th day of May 1910.

My name is Chunai Singh. My father's name is Meddha Singh. I am by caste Jat. My home is at mauza Chapai, police-station Charkhidadri, Zilla Jhind. I reside at present in jail.

I was a Havildar of the 10th Jats. The regiment came to Calcutta at the end of 1907, or beginning of 1908. Another *sepahi* of the 1st Company got news that there was to be "*Bhangan*" and "*Gowhan*" in Kidderpore Bazar at the time of the *Holi* festival, and I heard of it from him. He asked me whether I would go to it, and I said I would. There were many people there. I should say about 50 *sepahis* went there. I sat there, and a Pundit was there. I said to him, "Do you give *Janui* here?" and he said, "Yes." But he said, "If you want it, you should have told me in the morning, and all preparations could have been made." I said I did not know about it before In our Jat society *Janui* is taken by whoever likes. So it is in the Arya Samaj. Only the Chetri, Brahmins and Vaisyas take the holy thread. Pundit then said, "Anyhow now you will get it when the *Homa* is performed." The "*Homa*" was performed, and at the same time the sacred thread was given to me. Seven or eight *sepahis* took the sacred thread. The songs being sung were those of the Arya Samaj. I saw the Pundit, and so I asked him. I remember Jotu of 1st Company, Sahat Ram of 1st Company, Mosurdi of 1st Company, and Ram Bux, who was then a Naik, of the 3rd Company, and Lekram *Sepahi* of the H. Company. The Pundit was a Brahmin of up-country, from Dinapore. When he gave the *Janui*, he spoke in Sanskrit language, and then he taught me the *Gayatri*. There was a Bengali Pundit among the four persons doing the *Homa* ceremony. At the time he did not speak about the Arya Samaj, but he did on other occasions. The Bengali did not speak Hindi well. He was fairish in complexion, of short stature, he had no moustache or beard. This took place in Kidderpore Bazar, in the road which runs towards the river across the tramway at a house where there is a shop of a seroff. After that I returned to the lines. I used later to go to that shop and I saw that Bengali Pundit there on one or two occasions. He asked me how the Arya Samaj was getting on in my country. I said, "It was getting on very well, and that there was much religion, etc., in it." I told him that there was no singing and talk of religion in the regiment as it interfered with drill and parade. He said, "Matters of religion should not be prohibited."

After some time I went home on leave for a month. On my return I met Surjan Singh. He is of another district to me, and he asked me whether the Arya Samaj was much in my district. I said, "It was." He said, it was so in his village and district, too. He told me the Pundit from whom I took *janui* at the Kidderpore Bazar wished to see me again. I was not agreeable to go, as I had not much time. Surjan said, "Go when you have time." I said, I would. One day Surjan asked me one afternoon about 4 or 5 P.M. to go with him. I said, "I must go by the hospital to see a *sepahi* of my village who is ill, and to ask him if I can get him anything to eat." I went on from the hospital to Kidderpore Bazar. Surjan then told me the Pundit had made him take an oath, and would I take it? I asked what kind of oath? I could not, unless I knew its nature. He said the Pundit would tell me the purport of it. We went to a place on the left of the road opposite the Kidderpore Church. There was subsequently a dispensary at this house to which we went. When we came near the house, Surjan Singh called, "Is any one in?" A man, called Doctor Babu, said, "Yes, I am here." Then he asked for the Pundit, who was also in. The gate was opened by Surjan, and he went in, and I followed into the house. There was a table inside, and I sat on it with Surjan. The Pandit came in, and he had the lamp lit and it was put on a teapoy, and the Pundit sat there. He asked me to give the oath which Surjan Singh had given. He told me the oath concerned our country. I said, "How?" He said, "it was for the country's protection." I said, "Every one protects the country, why is an oath necessary?" He then explained that the oath was to injure the English, as they committed oppression, and to benefit our country. I refused, as I have sworn to obey the Government the day I took service. He said Surjan had taken it. I said, "It is useless to take the oath. for even if 50 men took the oath, we could not drive out the English." I refused to take the oath. I sat there while Surjan Singh and the Pundit talked. I then suggested I must go, as it was late and I might be required for work. I returned to the lines. After that I did not go into the Babu's house, but I saw the Pundit on the road and talked to him. He asked me to go there again, but I refused to go. I can identify the Pundit, but not the doctor. I know the house. I never came to Howrah then.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
26-5-10.

Chunai Singh, Prosecution Witness No. 144, recalled in presence of accused on 10th June 1910.

I DO not know any of these accused, I know the man who has just given evidence (Bhagwan Das).

I have seen several witnesses show Sarat Docotr, to-day, so I know him now to be Sarat I did not know him before.

I have seen the other man (Bhagwan Das) often sitting in his shop. The *homad* ceremony was held by his house.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) CHUNAI SINGH (*in Hindi*).

The deposition of Habibullah, Prosecution Witness No. 145, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Habibullah. My father's name is Muhammad Saked. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Dakhin Sripur, police-station Tolyganj, Zilla Khulna. I reside at present at Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of thana.

Morehal is within my *elaka*. I remember there was a dacoity there in December 1908. Complaint was received from Kali Bagdi, chaukidar, by me. I recorded it. It was read over to him and admitted by him to be correct. This is it (Exhibit 25). I went to the spot, and there I found an accused, Manmatha Chaudhuri, who had been arrested by the duffadar, chaukidar and villagers. I searched his person, and *on it this* letter (Exhibit 94) was found. It was in the pocket of his pantaloon. I took it in charge and produced it before the Court. Manmatha was tried, and he was convicted, as I understand from the final memo. I received.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Harif Ullah,
S. I.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Ambica Ch. Bhattacharjya, Prosecution Witness No. 140, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Ambica Ch. Bhattacharjya. My father's name is Kali Prasanna Bhattacharjya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Harinavi, police-station Sonarpore, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Benares, where I am foreman of Lazarus and Co.'s press. The society called *Bharat Dharma Mahamandal Shastra Prokasak Samiti* has now bought the press, and I am the printer of it. I knew Lalit Chakravarti. When I was in the office of Traill and Co. in Calcutta, as there was another clerk in the office called Ambika Ch. Bhattacharjya, I was there called Ambika Ch. Chakravarti. Lalit is my uncle-in-law's son. His home is at Netra. He is known by the nick-name of Banga. I remember *Baisakh* 1908. About the 12th or anyhow in the first part of the month, he came with my mother-in-law to my house at Benares, arriving about 2 A.M. He stayed with me about 22 to 24 days. I do not know Atul Chakravarti—[*then says*]—I remember he is a *kabiraj*, and treated Lalit when he was ill. I first gave Lalit medicine, and afterwards I called Atul in in consultation."

When Lalit was staying with me, about three or four days before he left, one Pabitra, I think Dutt, and one Chuni came to my house. They had met my younger brother in the train and came to my house. Three or four days Naren Bose came to a house near with his wife, mother and brother's son, aged about 7. He stayed in the house of a woman who is here in Court, (identifies Bama Sundari Dasi.) Lalit introduced them to me, and Naren said his mother, wife and nephew were all ill, and I treated them. Naren wanted, too, to feed at my house on payment. I refused. So Lalit left then my house and joined Naren. I only saw Pabitra and Chuni three or four days. Taranath Chaudhuri, who has been arrested, also came to my house. I gave him medicine. I used to treat people who stayed at Ghaneshyam Babu's house. Ghaneshyam Babu's wife told me that Deven Babu was ill. I treated him. Deven Babu I know now to be Taranath Chaudhuri. In that house Taranath was arrested last December. I saw Lalit, Pabitra, Taranath, Naren and Chuni together at Ghaneshyam's house. I only saw Pabitra and Chuni two or three days. I can identify all these.

Lalit and Suren, a *chogra*, started an *akra* just by the side of my house on the land belonging to this woman, shows Sudheswari. There I saw Naren. I only saw once or twice Pabitra and Chuni. Other boys also collected there. They had a *samiti* and had *lathi*-play, etc. I do not know when Naren there went.

About six months afterwards Naren came to Dasaswamedh Ghat. There he had a house; on the upper storey he lived, and on the ground floor he had a *swadeshi* shop in which he sold scissors, cheroots, everything. I was there called in to attend him and his wife and mother. Naren then introduced me to one Raghunath, who lived near the Kopilcharan Hospital, and I treated him, too. Lalit, at that time, I saw two or three days in that house. After that I came home last year at the end of *Magh*. While I was at home I married my daughter at Garpur in Calcutta. I returned to Benares on the *Falgoon Sankranti*, two days after the marriage. This marriage was a year and a few months ago. Naren was then still at the shop there. It was after that that Kali Krishna, who has come as a witness, purchased it. I know Ashutosh Chatterji. He kept a hotel opposite the Chudai Chauki police-station. Naren introduced me to him, and I treated him. He used not to have a hotel; he was then in the clothes of an ascetic when Naren Bose brought him to my house. After he started a hotel he began wearing ordinary clothes. I cannot say if Lalit started a rowing club in Benares.

I knew Narendra Bhattacharja. He came to Benares and stayed at the house of Aghore Nath Bidyaranta, Private Secretary of the Maharaja of Gidhour. Aghore Nath is my *mamato bhai*. I first negotiated for the marriage of Narendra Bhattacharjya with my daughter. This was about two years ago. He did not marry, as he said my daughter was too dark. I had no talk with Lalit about this proposed marriage. I can identify Naren.

[*To Court :*]—I do *kabiraji*. I have not passed any examination. Ananda Chandra Pattak, my mother's father, was a famous *kabiraj*, and I learnt from him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

27-5-10.

(Sd.) Ambica Ch. Bhattacharjya,

B—$\frac{7}{98}$, *Hararbag, Benares City.*

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

27-5-10.

Ambica Ch. Bhattacharjya recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

[In presence of the following accused :—Pabitra Dutt, Chuni Nandi, Taranath Roy Chaudhuri, Narendra Nath Bose, Kalipado Chakravarti, Pulin Sirkar, Badal *alias* Upen De, Narendra Bhattacharja, Lalit Mohan Chakravarti (approver), and Atul Ch. Mukherji.]

I IDENTIFY Narendra Nath Bose (shows).

I do not remember any of the others. It is now three years ago. I cannot see Lalit M. Chakravarti (standing near). Then identifies him. Says—he now has spectacles on, and so I did not notice him before. I knew the accused I named three years ago, and heard their names from my brother-in-law (means Lalit).

[*Cross-examined by Naren Bose :*]—I saw him at the Dasaswamedh Ghat where he had a *swadeshi sammilani* shop. I saw him before the shop was started, when he was living at Harabag, where I was introduced by Lalit—[this in answer to question. "I did not start the shop three years ago. How did you know me then ?"] I knew him, as I treated him and his wife and mother. I also purchased things from the shop.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) AMBICA CH. BHATTACHARJYA.

READ over to witness in Bengali in the presence of the above accused, who were given an opportunity of cross-examining.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Sudeswari Kalwarni, Prosecution Witness No. 147, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Sudeswari Kalwarni. My father's name is Moti Lal. I am by caste Kalwar. My home is at Benares, where I reside at present, where I am a grinder of flour, etc. One Suren Babu took land from me at Hararbag, Benares. Suren has his house on one side; my house is on the other of a vacant piece of land. This land is mine, and I let it to Suren. This was about two years ago. He took it for a month, but never paid my rent. It took 15 days to clear the land, and he held it for a month. He said he would be there one or two months, and some people from his country would come and play there, and he would pay me Re. 1 a month. There was playing there by seven or eight *chogras*. They played at 3 or 4 in the afternoon. They sang Bengali country songs, and played with Indian clubs. I can't say if I could identify Suren. If he comes near, I may be able to do so. I cannot say if I can identify the others. Two were dark lads, and one was fair. Two had marks of small-pox. They put bamboos up and *tatties* on the side which was open.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Kali Krishna Chakravarti, Prosecution Witness No. 148, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Kali Krishna Chakravarti. My father's name is Troilokhya Nath Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza 8, Srinath Dass's Lane. police-station Bow Bazar, Calcutta I reside at present at Benares police-station, at 77, Dasaswamed Ghat, where I have purchased the *swadeshi* shop of Narendra N. Bose, I purchased it in 1316, 3rd *Aswin*, and I paid him Rs. 415 as the price of the stock. This was entered in my book. This Naren wrote as receipt in my book. He wrote the whole page (Exhibit 95). He wrote also the list of articles in the shop. I wrote the first eight lines of the list. I had an art-curio shop at Benares before, and Naren wanted to sell his shop, and I was one who applied to buy it. I went in *Aghran* 1908 to Benares first. I first had a shop in Benares Chowk. I took the Kaiser Soap Agency, and Naren came and bought soap twice from me. So I came to know him.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) KALI KRISHNA CHAKRAVARTI.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

Recalled on 30th May 1910.

Same accused as in case of Witness No 146.

I IDENTIFY this man. He is Narendra N. Bose. I know him, as he came to my shop to buy soap. I also purchased his shop from him on 3rd *Aswin* 1316 (1908).

[*Cross-examined by Naren Bose.*]—I do not remember that on the day a consignment came to his shop, I went there and took a large number of goods from him, which I afterwards returned as unable to sell them. I never took any things from his shop, so far as I remember.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) KALI KRISHNA CHAKRAVARTI.

READ over to witness in Bengali in presence of accused named, who had an opportunity of cross-examining.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Bama Sundari Dasi, Prosecution Witness No. 149, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Bama Sundari Dasi. My father's name is Bhagwan De. I am by caste Tamli. My home was at mauza Baramajur in zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Benares, where I am unemployed. I have a house to take care of belonging to my sister's son, and he gives me Rs. 3 a month. The house was let out. Naren Bose took it about 2 or 2½ years ago. He had his mother and wife and a nephew of 5 or 6 years of age with him. They were at my house 2 or 2½ months. They were in other places, too, at Benares. A Brahmin boy, too, came and lived with them. He is slim and dark. My eyesight is bad, and I could not say whether I could identify them. I lived on the ground floor, and they on the upper floor. The dark boy did the marketing.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Hari Charan Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 150, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Hari Charan Mukherji. My father's name is Jodhu Nath Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Benares, where I reside at present, and where I am a student at Bengalitola High School. I know the shop called the *Swadeshi Samilani*. It was held in a house which is in my charge. The house belongs to Sarbeswar Pal Chaudhuri, of Ranaghat, and Tarakeswar Pal Chaudhuri. I have had it in my charge about the four years. It was first rented to Narendra Nath Bose by the Manager of the Insurance Company. At first he only took the upper storey; then he took the lower storey, saying he wanted it as a *boitakhana* and started this shop. Before that it had been the place of business of the Aswini Government Security Life Assurance Co., Ld. That he had the whole house and without my knowledge the Manager let out the upper floor to Naren. I found this out on 28th or 29th August 1908, when I went for rent. I did not get any rent, and had to write to Vizagapatam. The rent was Rs. 13 a month. I told them to leave, and Naren asked me to let him stay, and I agreed to this on his paying in advance. He paid Rs. 8 for the upper storey. Subsequently he asked for the lower storey. It was arranged he should pay Rs. 12. Then I found he had started a shop, and I demanded more. The rent was then settled at Rs. 12-8. I can identify Naren Bose.

I used to go there once a month. I once saw some people there—one was Prokash Ch. Chaudhuri, Ganendra Nath (the captain at hockey of the Hindu College), Bholanath (the captain of football at the Hindu College), Sanat (Bose or Mitra), a B. Sc. student, and one Jina, drinking water there, and there were some tennis bats with them. I know these boys.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

27-5-10.

(Sd.) Hari Charan Mukherji.

27-5-10.

Hari Charan Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 150, recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

In presence of the accused, as in case of Witness No. 146.

I identify only this man, Naren Bose. On 28th or 29th August 1908 I found him residing in the upper floor I had let to the Aswini Government Life Assurance Company, Ld., of Visagapatam. He became my tenant.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

30-5-10.

(Sd.) Hari Charan Mukherji.

30-5-10.

Read over to witness in presence of the accused as named above in Bengali, who had opportunity of cross-examination.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

30-5-10.

The deposition of Mani Lal Singha, Prosecution Witness No. 151, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Mani Lal Singha. My father's name is Pitambar Singha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Sura, police-station Beliaghatta, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Benares, where I am unemployed. I know the house $B\frac{2}{1\frac{1}{2}}$ in Oudh Mohalla, Benares. I purchased it from Gangaram Shaha on behalf of Golap Sundari Dasi, who has a wood depôt at 7, Upper Circular Road. It was in July or August two years ago. There was a document. When I purchased it there were two boys of 19 or 20 there as tenants. After purchase I demanded from them a document admitting their tenancy under Golap Sundari. They said they could give it, when their headman (*khota*) came. I got the document and agreement, and made over to Golap Sundari when she came to Benares after six or seven months after the purchase. I do not think I can identify the boys. I got the document from them two days or so after the first document for it. The *khota* gave the agreement. When again I went there after the agreement I did not see the *khota* or those two boys, but two other boys. I was then much alarmed, and I said, "If you are bomb-throwing boys you must leave the house at once, and if you do not leave within three days I shall inform the police." I came three days after, being nervous, to the house to see what they were doing, and I found they had taken away most of their luggage, and only one or two bundles were remaining. I asked them for their rent, and they said they had paid Gangaram for the whole of August. They took me to him. I am entitled to the rent for the last 10 days of August, and I got that back from Gangaram. They paid me for the days in September they were there. [*Then I says.*]—I am not certain whether it was July and August or August and September. I could not identify these boys also.

When read over to him, adds—"When I talked so, they laughed loudly and said they were not concerned with bombs."

H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) MANI LAL SINGHA.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Khirode Kumar Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 152, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Khirode Kumar Banerji. My father's name is Sarat Kumar Banerji. I am by caste Brâhmin. My home is at mauza Kidderpore, police-station Kidderpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, where I am a contractor and have a cloth shop. I know Shibu Hazra. He used to be a servant in my shop five years ago for about a year. There was a theft of cloth from the shop by him and another *chogra*. I did not report the matter to the police. I dismissed them. The other *chogra* was Jugal Chandra Pain. There was a *chogra* who worked in the shop of Ramani Mohon Chakravarti close by my shop. This *chogra* brought Shibu Hazra to me as a man of his village. I forget the man's name, but about three years he went mad and died. My shop is at 54, Watgunge Street.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Khirode Coomar Banerji.
27-5-10.

Khirode Kumar Banerji, Prosecution Witness No. 152, recalled on solemn affirmation on 4th June 1910.

In presence of Shibupoda Hazra and others, as in the case of Witness No. 63.

I identify this man as Shibu Hazra.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Khirode Coomar Banerji.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Radha Nath Mazumdar, Prosecution Witness No. 153, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Radha Nath Mazumdar. My father's name is Soshi Bhushan Mazumdar. I am by caste Barui. My home is at mauza Lohagara, police-station Lohagara, zilla Jessore. I reside at present at Kushtia police-station—zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I know Harendra Nath Banerji. I arrested him at the Kushtia Court on 8th December last. He was brought before me by Inspector Nishikanta Banerji. I arrested him under section 55, Criminal Procedure Code, and submitted a report about him to the Subdivisional Officer, Kushtia.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) RADHA NATH MAZUMDAR.
27-5-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Mohendra Nath Mukerji, Prosecution Witness No. 104, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Mohendra Nath Mukerji. My father's name is Ajit Lal Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home in at mauza Suri, police-station Suri, zilla Birbhum. I reside at present at Watgunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I went to the shop of Ram Narain Das on 13th April 1910 in consequence of certain information received. The shop is at 92, Diamond Harbour Road, within Kali Bazar on the road side. I saw in the shop his servant, Gopal Ch. Chaudhuri, who was in charge of the shop for the time being. I demanded the production of his *khata* books showing the accounts of the shop with Sarat Ch. Mitter. These are the books (Exhibits 30 and 31). I initialled the entries showing the amounts paid by Sarat through Lalit Mohan Chakravarti. I forwarded the books to the Divisional Deputy Commissioner of Police. I know Bimola Ch De. I conducted a search at his house at 78, Munshitola Lane, on the 24th March 1910. He was present, and I arrested him there. This is the search list which I prepared; the witness present signed it. These are the documents, etc.: —

Bharate Jaban [Ex. 97(1)],

Swadeshi Karabas [Ex. 97(2)],

Banga Bilap [Ex. 97(3)],

Bande Mataram, a book of songs [Ex. 97(4)],

Desher Kotha [Ex. 97(5)],

A money order receipt [Ex. 97(6)],

A private letter [Ex. 97(7)]. It was found torn.

An exercise book [Ex 97(8)], containing one loose sheet of poetry and a train ticket.

Another exercise book [Ex. 97(9)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Mohendra Nath Mukerji.
27-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

The deposition of Surendra Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 155, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Surendra Nath Ghose My father's name is Manik Chandra Ghose. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Jaugacha, police-station Jaugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, where I am draughtsman. I used to be in the East Indian Railway at Sahibgunge, but now I am out of employ I know Upen De. He is also called Badul Krishna De. I also know Pulin Sirkar and Kali Chakravarti. Upen De and Kali Chakravarti's home is at Jaugacha, and Pulin Sirkar lives with his brother-in-law Prosad Ghose. There is a small post office at Jaugacha. I have seen them sitting at it. I have also seen all of them going about together. Upen used to play on an *esraj* and Kali played the violin, and I frequently saw them playing there with one or two others of the *para*, and one or two other people from elsewhere whom I do not know. I used to work at the India General Navigation Co.'s office at Metiabruj in Garden Reach. I was at Sahibgunge about six months, and before that I worked at Garden Reach. When I worked at Garden Reach, I used to return at 5 P.M., and used to see them on the railway line sitting or walking about together.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) SURENDRA NATH GHOSE.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

Surendra Nath Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 155, recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

I IDENTIFY of the men Upen De, Pulin and Kalipado. They live at Jaugacha. I have seen them together and alone. They live in the next *para*. I live in Jigacha and they in Jaugacha. In presence of same accused as in case of Witness 144

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) SURENDRA NATH GHOSE.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of the above accused, who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Badul Kumar Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 156, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Badul Kumar Pal. My father's name is Rakhal Chandra Pal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Jaugacha, police-station Jaugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present. I am in Burn & Co.'s, where I am a pattern-maker. I know Upen De. He is also called Badul. I also know Kali Chakravarti and Pulin Sirkar. They all live at Jaugacha and go about together. I have seen them at the post office and on the railway line and at Upen's *sadar*. Upen has an *esraj* and Kali a violin, and they played together.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) BADUL KRISTO PAL.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-5-10.

Badul Kumar Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 156, recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

In presence of same accused, as in case of Witness 144.

I IDENTIFY this man (Upendra Kumar De), Kalipado Chakravarti and Pulin Sirkar. They live at Jaugacha. They associated with one another.

Cross-examined by Pulin Sirkar.—I have seen them together very often, not every day, but when I went there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) BADUL KRISTO PAL.

READ over to witness in presence of the above accused in Bengali. The accused had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Bistopado Nandi, Prosecution Witness No. 157, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Bistopada Nandi. My father's name is Srimanto Nandi. I am by caste Teli. My home is at mauza Jaugacha, police-station Jaugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a shop-keeper. I have a *mudi* shop. I know Upen De, Kali Chakravarti and Pulin, who, I think, is Mitra. They go about together and played music together. I am talking of 10 or 11 months ago. They are not in the village now. I have seen them nearly every evening going about together.

(Sd.) H P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Bistupado Nandi (*in vernacular*),
Jaugacha.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

Bistopado Nandi, Prosecution Witness No. 157, recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

In presence of same accused, as in case of Witness 146.

I identify Badul, Kali and Pulin. Their houses are near my *para*.
[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Bistopado Nandi (*in vernacular*),
Jaugacha.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct. Accused had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Kamakhya Nath De, Prosecution Witness No. 158, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of May 1910.

My name is Kamakhya Nath De. My father's name is Haradhone De. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Jaugacha, police-station Jaugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, where I am a sirkar of a contractor. I know Pulin Mittra or Sirkar, Kali Chakravarti and Upen De. They are my neighbours. They used to go about together and at night have music at Upen De's. In the day time I have seen them at the post office. They also used to be on the railway line in the evening. I am speaking of before two or three months I do not know where they are now. They have been arrested. Badul is my cousin's son. Upen is called Badul.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Kamakhya Nath De (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

[After this he volunteers] :—It was arranged that Badul, Rakhal Mitra, Bholanath Aich and Mohendra's son, Abhoy, were to go away together somewhere. This was the occasion after which Badul has not come home. Badul went off direct to Sealdah, and the others there missed the train and came home. The next morning Bholanath, who is my grandnephew, told me they missed the train and that yesterday they had spent a lot of money on "chops" in a hotel in Beadon Street. He said they were sorry they could not go with Badul, and wondered what Badul would say on his return.

[*To court* :]—I have no quarrel or cases with Badul.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

(Sd.) Kamakhya Nath De (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-5-10.

Kamakhya Nath De, Prosecution Witness No. 158, recalled on solemn affirmation on 30th May 1910.

In presence of same accused, as in case of Witness 146.

I identify Kali Chakravarti and Pulin Sirkar. They are children of our *para*.

[*To Court* :]—I know Badul De. I cannot see him here ; then shows Pabitra Dutt. (Badul is present in convict's clothes.) He adds that Badul is like Pabitra, but had no beard.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Kamakhya Nath De (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of the above accused.

After the witness had the evidence read over to him, he identified Badul.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Bonomali Ch. Mukherji, Witness No. 159, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

In presence of same accused, as in case of Witness 116.

My name is Bonomali Ch. Mukherji. My father's name is Gobinda Ch. Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin My home is at 158, Sonarpur, Benares, where I reside at present, where I have a stationery shop. I have no other occupation. I used to be a doctor before. Now if any one comes to my house and wants medicine or a prescription I give it him. People at Kashi call me "Doctor Babu". I have been at Kashi seven or eight years. In 1908 I lived at 97 Singha's Lane. In *Assar* of that, Naren Bose hired from me No. 194 Kedar Ghat for Rs. 7 a month. The house belonged to Kumar Swami, but I took it from him for the purpose of sub-letting. It is just to the north of the Kedar Ghat temple. Naren had his wife, mother and a little boy with him. There was also a youth named Lalit. Naren was like this man (identifies Narendra Bose). It is two years ago but the *chogra* was like this man—shows Lalit Chukerbarty. I know Harar Bag. There was an *akra* there. I do not remember its name. There was *lathi* play and gymnastics there. Some boys started it. I remember two names—Tarak Nath Bose, Annoda Bhattacharyya, and Lalit and Naren Bose—who rented my house. It did not last long. When the rains began it was abolished. I could identify Tarak Nath Bose and Annoda Bhattacharyya, as they used to come to my shop. They are not here in Court.

Naren Babu was not long at my house. He came in *Assar* and left towards the end of *Shraban*—moving then to the Oudh Mohalla. What he did there, I can not say. I know Tarak Bose and Annoda are now in Benares.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct, in presence of above accused, who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Bonomali Charan Mukherji.

The deposition of Kaluram Agarwalla, Witness No. 160, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

In the presence of Atul Ch Mukherji, Upen De Narendra N. Biswas, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Ganesh Ch. Das, Kiran Ch. Rai, Soilendra N. Chatterji, Soilendra K. Das.

My name is Kaluram Agarwalla. My father's name is Khud Chand Agarwalla. I am by caste Agarwalla. My home is at mauza Suragarh, police-station Kashni, zilla Jaipur. I reside at present in mauza Haludbari, police-station Daulatpur, zilla Nadia, where I am a dealer in cloth, oil, etc. There was in *Arsin* on the night before the *Lakhi Puja* day, last year, in my house a dacoity. At 1 or 1-30 A.M., I was asleep in my house. I heard the noise of guns being fired. I heard striking on the corrugated iron roof of my house. Some people came into the house and some remained outside. The door was broken, and the people got into the house. My brother's son was sleeping in the west facing room. He is Ram Kumar Agarwallah. The dacoits then opened the door of the shop where Bilash Agarwalla, my nephew, was sleeping. Some four or five people came and demanded where my money and ornaments were. I said my brother had taken the money to Calcutta. They demanded my keys. I refused and I was slapped on the face. I was then threatened to be shot and stabbed. Durga, my nephew, gave up the keys. They tried to open the iron chest and could not get it open, and threatened us again. Bilash was forced to show them how to open the boxes. Then they removed the ornaments. I went that same night to the thana which is about three miles from my house. The dacoits were at least 15 or 20 minutes with us after we woke up.

I identify of these dacoits—these four—shows Soilendra Kumar Das, Soilendra Nath Chatterji, Atul Ch. Mukherji, Kiran Ch. Rai. I do not identify any more. This man (Atul) beat me. There was a case in the High Court over this. I gave evidence. I signed my name at the thana to the deposition which was read over to me. (He is shown the first information and identifies his signature). (Exhibit 84—first information.)

I gave a list of what was stolen the next afternoon to the police and in the dacoity case it was filed.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused, who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Kaluram Agarwallah. (*In Hindi.*)

The deposition of Fakir Ghose, Witness No. 161, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

In presence of same accused, as in case of Witness 160.

My name is Fakir Ghose. My father's name is Mohesh Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Chamnai, police-station Daulatpore, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in mauza Haludbari, police-station Daulatpur, Zilla Nadia, where I am a salesman in the shop of Bakhtar Mal.

I was at the time of last *Lakhi puja* at the shop. There was a dacoity in our shop. I was sleeping in a jute godown of my master. I was seized and tied up by the dacoits. I saw about 10 or 12 dacoits. They went towards the shop and I fled towards the village. I shouted and the people came out. The dacoits were looting the things in the shop. When we arrived there again, the dacoits were going away to the shop of Bishu Doyal and Sitanath Saha. A great crowd gathered in the road in front of the shops. They broke open Sitanath's shop and pillaged it and then went along the road. When they saw people, they began to shoot and the people ran away.

Identifies Soilendra Nath Chatterji, Soilendra Kumar Das and Atul Chandra Mukherji. I identified them at Kustea.

[*Cross-examined by Atul Mukherji.*]

The *daroga* took me to Kustea, not to be shown Atul Mukherji but to see if I could identify any one. I never told the High Court that the *daroga* was not with me and that I only went with a constable. The Sub-Deputy Magistrate did not point Atul out to me with his finger.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in the presence of the accused who had opportunity to cross-examine.

The deposition of Kokil Sheik, Witness No. 162, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

In presence of the same accused, as in case of Witness 160.

My name is Kokil Sheik. My father's name is Miajan Sheik. I am by caste Mussalman. My home is at mouza Chamnia, police-station Daulatpore, Zilla Nadia, where I reside and where I am a day-labourer. There was a dacoity in our village, the night before the *Lakhi puja* last year. There was an uproar in the village made by Fakir Ghose. The villagers then came out and went to the bazar. We heard the dacoits noisily pillaging Buktiar Mal's shop. Then they came out. They had guns. I saw two guns. They dragged a box too out of Sitanath's shop. They then went off down the road. When the villagers came out they turned to the right, and they went to *Choto Fakir's darga*. We followed and they began to shoot and we turned back home. I can identify none.

I was with the daroga when a *lathi*, a lantern and a bag and a beard, and in the bag some money, were found at the *darga*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Rameswar Paramanik, Prosecution Witness No. 163, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

In presence of same accused as in case of witness No. 160.

My name is Rameswar Paramanik. My father's name is Keshab Paramanik. I am by caste Napit. My home is at mouza Joybhoga, police-station Daulatpur, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, where I am a barber. I know Buktiar Mal and his shop in Haludbari. There was a dacoity there, the day before the *Lakhi puja* last year. I saw the dacoits but could not identify them. They were coming from the bazar after the dacoity. I followed them. I was fired on and was hit on the legs with pellets and I fled in fear of my life. I was examined by the doctor.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Momin Sirdar, Witness No. 164, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

Same accused present as in examination of 160.

My name is Momin Sirdar. My father's name is Farid Sirdar. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Aria, police-station Daulatpore, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present and where I am a *dalal*. Every Thursday I go to Alamdanga by crossing the Chitla-Beliasibi ferry, and thence I go by train from Mirpur station at 7-30 A M. One Thursday in 1316 in *Kartick* when I was crossing, there were about 8 *bodralok chogras* in the boat with us. The ferry man asked them where they came from, and they said Shikarpur. He asked for the fare and they paid eight pice. They got out. I was a bit lame then and they went ahead. After having passed Chitla village I saw six of them. Jadhu who was with me asked where the other two were, they made no reply. They went off by the *danga* towards Paharpur. We told them that if they wanted to go to Mirpur to come with us. They did not talk or go with us but went off, and we went on. We stopped at Gopalpur garden and had a smoke. We then saw two of the six again there, going on towards Mirpur. They refused to have a smoke and went off without talking to us. We went on to the station. We then saw two of them sitting on a bench and after that another man came up. He sat on a piece of wood on the platform. The Chota Daroga and Mangal Singh constable were walking about there. They went up to the two who got up but the daroga made them sit down; then the 3rd started to go off but the Barra Daroga was coming from the thana and arrested him. The other three came up and they were arrested. The train came and I went by it. I identify this man, Soilendra Kumar Chatterji and this one, Soilendra N. Das. I cannot say if I know any of the others.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct, in presence of accused who had opportunity to cross-examine.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Fani Bhushan Bhattacharji, Witness No. 165, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Fani Bhushan Bhattacharji. My father's name is Shibakrista Bhattacharji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Joynagar, police-station Joynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Cuttack, police-station Cuttack, Zilla Cuttack, where I am a student of the Survey School.

There was a Students' *samiti* at Mazilpore. Formerly Mohim Chandra Chatterji was Secretary and afterwards I was Secretary. Last March or April I issued a notice for a meeting. I do not remember the exact date. The name of the *samiti* is the Students' and Young Men's Association. I know Rajani Kanta Bhattacharji. He was a member of that Association. I see Exhibit No. 15. In this I see the notice of the meeting was issued on the 19th April. This signature is like my handwriting. I cannot say when the meeting was to be held. I sent notices to most members of the *samiti* in this form. I sent Rajani his notice. This (Exhibit No. 15) is the usual form. This (Exhibit No. 59) is a complete blank form of invitation to meetings. The meeting of April was to be held in the house of Prokash Chandra Bose. I do not remember if Rajani attended the meeting. There are no minutes of the meetings held. On referring to Exhibit No. 15 I cannot clearly make out if this notice was addressed to Rajani or not.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) PHANI BHUSHAN BHATTACHARJI.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Amulya K. Rai, Witness No. 166, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Amulya K. Rai. My father's name is Hari Das Rai. I am a Brahmo. My home is at mauza Barsail, police-station Tangail, Zilla Mymensingh. I reside at present in mauza Belgachia, police-station Belgachia, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a student of the Veterinary College. Kusum Kumar Rai is my brother. He has a shop in the Zoological Gardens. Tinkori Das a *chegra* served in that shop. He kept the account of the shop. Last April he was away from the shop. I went one day in that month and found the shop closed. I told my elder brother that he had gone away. I went the next day and I kept the shop open that day. Before that he got leave and was absent two or three days and during that time I kept the shop. I kept a rough account and afterwards on his return he fair-copied it in the book. I kept the shop in his absence on 13th April, as I see tram hire entered against my name and on 14th. I see I was there from the 13th to 16th April.

Sees Exhibit 57.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd) AMULYA KUMAR RAI.
30-5-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

Prosecution Witness No. 166, Amulya Kumar Roy, recalled in presence of accused on 13th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

This man (shows) is Tinkori who worked for us in the Zoological Gardens.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) AMULYA KUMAR ROY.

The deposition of Rai Moni Lal Banerji Bahadur, Witness No. 167, aged years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May, 1910.

My name is Moni Lal Banerji. My father's name in Hari Mohon Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at manza Kidderpore, police-station Kidderpore, Zilla 24-Parganas where I reside at present, where I am a zamindar and Honorary Magistrate and Vice-Chairman of the District Board of the 24-Parganas.

I know Bimola Charan Deb. I was present on two occasions when his house was searched. He was present too. There were lists prepared of what was found and I signed the lists and also some of the books and papers. The lists were correctly prepared. I identify my signature on Exhibit 39 and I know Bimola Charan De's handwriting and it bears his signature. I identify my signature on Exhibit 97 too. I have often seen Bimola's handwriting, as I have often seen it. The writing in 97 (9) appears to be in his hand—also in 97 (8). I identify my signature on exhibit 97 (1)—(5). This 97 (6) on the reverse side is in Bimola De's writing. I do not know his Bengali handwriting. This (Exhibit 40) is in his handwriting—it looks like it. This (Exhibit 47) is his handwriting, with, I think, a quill pen. The B. D. initials in pencil look like his initials, also in Exhibit 46 and in Exhibit 48. All the English in Exhibit 45 is in his handwriting. This too (Exhibit 44) is in his handwriting, also Exhibit 42. He has signed Exhibit 42 and Exhibit 41.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) M. L. Banerjee,
30-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Sanjib Ch. Mallik, Witness No. 168, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name in Sanjib Ch. Mallik. My father's name is Kala Chand Mallik. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Gopinagar, police-station Dhaniakhali, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Uluberia, Zilla Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana.

I know Jogesh Ch. Mitter. I searched his house twice on 17th November 1909, and in January.

The list of 17th November was prepared in my presence and I signed it. I found there [Exhibit 98(1)—(10)]. This search was in the house of Jogesh's maternal uncle. The articles were found in the room in which Jogesh and his mother lived. The 2nd search was on the 20th January, and these three letters, [Exhibits 99(1)—(3)] were found in the house under the bed in which Jogesh slept. I wrote the search list and signed it. (Exhibit 99). Surendra N. Bose is maternal uncle of Jogesh Chandra Mitter. I arrested Jogesh on that day.

Exhibit No. 98.

I searched the house of Bistupada Chatterji on the 8th November. I prepared the list which I wrote and signed (Exhibit 100). The house belongs to Bistupada Chatterji's father. Bistupada was not present at the time. His father was present. The things were all found in one room. He told me it was Bistupada's. These [Exhibit No. 100 (1), containing—1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27]—were found, and these—[Exhibit No. 100 (2)]—are the rest.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) S. MALLIK.
S. I.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

Sanjib Ch. Mallik, Prosecution Witness No. 168, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 30th June 1910.

I SEARCHED the house of Jnan Ranjan Banerjee of Baji Shibpur on 19th December 1909. I prepared a list of what I found.

This is it (265).

I found this [(Sivaji) 265 (1)].

This song [265 (2)].

This picture [265 (3)].

This picture of Arabinda Ghose [265 (4)].

This portrait [(Tilak, Bepin Pal and Lajpat Rai) 265 (5)].

Ditto [(Brahma Bandhab Upadhaya) 265 (6)].

This dagger (LXIX).

And this paper [Exhibit No. 265 (7)] and this iron dust (LXX).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) S. MALLIK,
S. I.,
30-6-10.

The deposition of Jotadhari Mukherji, Witness No. 169, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Jotadhari Mukherji. My father's name is Jogendra Nath Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, Zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, where I am unemployed. I had a tailoring shop before. It is now closed. I know Jogesh Chandra Mittra—usually called Madaru His house was searched. I was called to the search. A list was prepared and I signed it—of what was found. Identifies Exhibit 99. It was on the 20th January. These Exhibits 99 (1)—(3) are the things found. I signed them.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

(Sd) JOTADHARI MUKHERJEE.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Manmatha Nath Mukherji, Witness No. 170, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Manmatha Nath Mukherji. My father's name is Nabin Ch Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kirnahar, police-station Sakulipur, Zilla Birbhum. I reside at present in mauza Howrah, police-station Howrah, Zilla Howrah, where I am a Sub-Inspector of the Howrah Criminal Investigation Department. I searched the house of Bhuban Mohon Mukherji on 20th January and I made a list of what we found I was with Arabinda Mukherji. The things are correctly entered in the search list. This is the list (Exhibit 101). It was written by Arabinda Babu in my presence. It is mentioned in the search list where each was found.

These numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 of the search list were found—Exhibit 101 (1), 101 (2), 101 (3), 101 (4), 101 (5). These Exhibit 101 (6) were also found. The house belongs to Bhuban and his three brothers. I arrested Bhuban and his brother Bhutan and then searched the house.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) M. N. Mukherji.
30-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Nilmani Banerji, Witness No. 171, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Nilmani Banerji. My father's name is Bhagobati Ch. Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Shibpur, police station, Shibpur, Zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am Accountant-General Post Offices' clerk. I was present at the search of the house of Bhuban Mohon Mukerji. A list of what was found was prepared. I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 101). The papers were found in different rooms. The list was correctly made. The two brothers have separate rooms.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd). Nilmony Banerji.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-5.

The deposition of E. A. Hartley, Witness No. 172, aged years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Ernest Albert Hartley. I reside at present at Alipore police-station, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am in charge of the Alipore thana, Calcutta police, as Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Charu Chandra Ghose on the 24th of March last. I made a list of the things found. I entered them correctly. This (Exhibit 102) is the list. It is signed by me and the search witnesses. I found there 3 guns—(Exhibit XXXIV—XXXVI), also this powder flask (Exhibit XXXVII) and caps (Exhibit XXXVIII). These papers 102 (1)—3 *khata* books, 1 *Karmajogin*, 1 Bengali book, 1 post card were found, also this license [102 (2)].

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd). E. A. Hartley, *S. I.*
30-5-10.

The deposition of Bepin Behari Banerji, Witness 173, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Bipin Behari Banerji. My father's name is Paresh Nath Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Chetla, police-station Alipore, Zilla 24-Parganas where I reside at present, where I am a contractor. I was present at the time of the search of Charu Ghose's house. The list was prepared in my presence. I signed it. This is it, (Exhibit 102). These (Exhibits XXXIV-XXXVIII) and Exhibit 102 (1) and (2). I put my signature on the Exhibits.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Bepin Behary Banerji.
30-5-10.

The deposition of Prionath Mukerji, Witness 174, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May 1910.

My name is Prionath Mukerji. My father's name is Joy Chand Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Joyrampur, police-station Damadhuda, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present, at Muchipara police-station, Bowbazar Street, Zilla Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I searched the house of Narendra Nath Bose on 11th November 1909. I prepared a list of what I found. This (Exhibit 103) is that list. The list was prepared in my presence and I signed it.

I found this pocket-book	...	... No. A^1 of list.
[Exhibit 10 3(1)] pocket-book	...	... No. A^3 [Exhibit 103 (2)].
An exercise book	...	... No A^4 [Exhibit 103 (3)]
A letter ...	...	... A^6 [Exhibit 103 (4)].
One exercise book ...	...	... D. Exhibit 103 (5).

A letter (D 2 inside envelope D 1) Exhibit 103 (6) and 103 (7),
and another [D 4 in envelope D 3 Exhibit 103 (8) and 103 (9)].
I also found these articles, Exhibit 103 (10).

I also searched the house of Mohini Mohon Chakerbarty of 31 Sitaram Ghose's Street on 20th January 1910, and found certain things. This is the list (Exhibit 104) which I made and signed. It is a correct list.

I found this—(*a*) ^{a}1, and (*a*) ^{a}2 of my list [Exhibit 104 (1) and 104 (2)], and this [(*g*) of list—Exhibit 104 (3)]—also these other papers as shown in the list [Exhibit 104(4)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Priyanath Mukherji.
30-5-10.

Prionath Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 174, Sub-Inspector, Muchipara thana, recalled on 30th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the house of Harendra Nath Sen Gupta, No. 64, College Street, and found the articles entered in this list (Exhibit 276). I found this book [Exhibit 276 (1)] and this book [Exhibit 276 (2)] and this post card [Exhibit 276 (3)]. I searched under this warrant (Exhibit 277). I also found these papers [Exhibit 276 (4)].

I also searched No. 1, Patutola Lane, on 30th October 1909. I found this *khata* book [Exhibit 278 (1)] and this register 278 (2). The place was a mess.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Priyanath Mukerji.
30-6-10.

Priyanath Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 174, Sub-Inspector, Muchipara thana, recalled on 11th July 1910, on solemn affirmation.

THIS is the search list I prepared for what I found at 1, Putuatola Lane (Exhibit 278). I searched the *Chatra Bhandar*, on a warrant, about November 1908. I found there two files (Exhibits 320 and 321.) I made the papers over to Mr. Denham's office.

I also searched the *Chatra Bhandar* on the 24th May 1910 under a warrant of this Court. This is the list (Exhibit 322.)

Among the items found are these 322 (1)—(19).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) PRIYANATH MUKERJI,
11-7-10.

The deposition of Amrita Lal Das, Witness No. 175, aged about 39 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of May, 1910.

My name is Amrita Lal Das. My father's name is Radha Raman Das. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza 14, Mirzapur Street, Zilla Calcutta, where I reside at present, where I am a clerk, Director-General of Post Offices. I was present when Narendra Nath Bose's house was searched. Lots of letters and books were found. A list was prepared and it was correctly made. This is it. I signed it (Exhibit 103). I signed also the papers and books found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10.

(Sd.) Amrita Lal Das.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-5-10

The deposition of Abhoy Charan Mozumdar, Witness No. 176, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 31st day of May 1910.

My name is Abhoy Charan Mozumdar. My father's name is Gopal Chandra Mozumdar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chetla, police-station Alipore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside, where I am Sub-Registrar of the Keoratola (*alias* Sahanagar) Burning Ghat under the Calcutta Corporation. It is my duty to register the deaths of persons whose bodies are brought to the ghat. I enter up the register in my own hand. I have been Sub-Registrar from 1900. I produce the registers from March 1909. I made the entry of the death of Surendra Nath Ghose who was cremated on the 9th March 1909 (Exhibit 105). The informant did not sign himself, as I did not allow him to, as the person died of small-pox.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

(Sd) Abhoy Charan Mozumdar.
31-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

The deposition of Mr. Deveria, Witness No. 177, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions, of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 31st day of May, 1910.

My name is Louis Deveria. I reside at present in mauza No. 7, Alipur Lane, police-station , Zilla , where I am Engineer and Contractor. I have been living there now about 5 years. I send money from my house to Panchpara across the river a little beyond Kilburn and Company's Lime Works—about 2 miles from Rajgunj. I sent the money by my durwan—and my clerk goes and sometimes I take it myself. The durwan carries it himself in a leather hand-bag. I send nearly every week. This has been going on the last 5 years. I generally send it on Saturday, so as to make payments on Sunday. I might have sent it on a Sunday. My durwan has no bicycle. None of these peons who go with money to Panchpara ride bicycles. I have a peon who is working on the dredging work of the Port Commissioners who uses a bicycle. He never carries money and had had the bicycle only 2 or 3 years. The dredging is between Chetla and Durgapur.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

(Sd.) L. Deveria.
31-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

The deposition of Purna Ch. Das, Witness No. 178, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 31st day of May 1910.

My name is Purna Ch. Das. My father's name is Tinkori Das. I am by caste Sutar. My home is at mauza Monsatola, police-station Kidderpur, Zilla 24-Parganas where I reside at present, where I am goldsmith. I have my shop now in my house in Monsatola Lane, formerly it was in the bazar. On the east of my house there used to be an *akra*. I cannot say what its name was. It was 4 or 5 cubits from my house. I saw Sarat Mitter Doctor and Panna Lal De there on occasions. I have seen many people there. Boys used to play *lathi* and do gymnastics. They also played with rubber balls. I saw once or twice one or two *sepahis* standing there—for what reason I cannot say. The *akra* was founded over 4 years ago and has ceased to exist about 2 years. After that there was a *patsala* there, the *patsala* has since been moved into my land.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

(Sd.) Sri Purna Chandra Das (in Bengali).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

Purna Chandra Das, Witness No. 178, recalled on 10th June 1910.

I only identify Sarat Babu.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Purna Chandra Das (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Mr. Mustafi, Witness No. 179, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 31st day of May 1910.

My name is Satyendra Nath Mustafi. My father's name is Surendra Nath Mustafi. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Calcutta. I am a Deputy Collector of Howrah.

Under orders of this Court I went to Netra with certain keys. I went to the house of Ram Taran Mitra, on 26th May 1910, with 5 keys. I tried all the keys with all the almirahs, boxes and trunks, I found in his house. These two fit two wooden boxes. The other three did not fit. I received the keys from the Court. I brought one of the boxes. I left the other, in the house, marked. The keys were fitted in the presence of Krista Nath Mitra. This is the box in which key B fits (Exhibit XLI).

Key A, Exhibit XXXIX.

Key B, Exhibit XL.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
31-5-10.

(Sd.) S. Mustafi.
31-5-10.

The deposition of Bhusan Das, Witness No. 180, aged about 53 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Bhusan Das. My father's name is Soshiram Das. I am by caste Koibarta. My home is at mauza Anukhal, police-station Kalna, Zilla Burdwan. I reside at present in mauza 16, Beniatola Street, Calcutta, where I am the owner of a *jatra* party. I remember the 8th *Baisak* 1316. I took my party to Kadupukhhur in the 24-Parganas, on that day. We got out at Sangrampur station. We were there three days. There were *jatras* two days and one day we were detained by the rain. We returned on the 10th I think, but if I refer to my accounts which are kept by my sirkar and which I see regularly, I can say. (Refers):—We went there on 8th and there were *jatras* on 8th and 9th. It will be the 11th we returned. We came back to Sangrampur. The *dol*, got to the station at early morning at 7 or 8 A. M. They came ahead. I came afterwards reaching there at 10 A. M. Kadupukhur is two or three miles from Sangrampur station. The instruments, etc, came with the party ahead of me. We took tickets and came by a train about 12 or 1 P. M. There are 70 or 72 men in my party. I do not know how many came back by train. My manager can tell that. He is Promatha Nath Mullik. Some of the people of the party lived in that quarter and some came back *vid* Mograhat, as their houses were near there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI BHUSHAN CHANDRA DAS (in vernacular).

The deposition of Purna Chandra Chakravarty, Witness No. 181, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Purna Chandra Chakravarty. My father's name is Jadhu Nath Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Gobindapur, police-station Panchla, zilla Howrah. I reside at present at 16, Beniatola Street, Calcutta, where I am servant of Bhusan Das, who has a *jatra* party. I live with him and I keep his accounts and make the agreements with the people who engage the party. The account shows (in the account book) the party returned from Sangrampore on the 11th. I write the book from the memos submitted by the Manager, Promatha Mullik, and the book is kept in the ordinary course of business. (Shows entry—Exhibit 106). From the entries I saw they left on the 8th and returned on the 11th. This entry, No. 8 (Exhibit 107), in the contract book shows the dates the *jatra* party was engaged at Kadapukhur.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Purna Chandra Chakravarty (in vernacular).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-1910.

The deposition of Nibaran Chandra Pal, Witness No 182, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Nibaran Chandra Pal. My father's name is Pitambar Pal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at mauza Kankinara, police-station Naihati, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza Bapta, police-station Beldanga, zilla Murshidabad, where I am the station-master of the E B S. Ry.

I was station master of Chingripota. I was relieved of that appointment in March 1908. While I was station-master there, there was a dacoity. It was on the 5th night or 6th morning of December 1907. I was in the station at the time. I had asthma that night. I was in my *basha* by the station. I heard a *golmal*. I went to open my door, when I was seized by the throat by a man who said. "Take care, do not come out". "I could recognise him and said "What is it Naren"? What madness is this? He said "You will understand afterwards, make over the keys of the iron safe. It was 3 A.M. in the morning. I told him to go as I was unwell. I thought he was making fun of me. Then another man came and caught me by the waist. My keys were in my pocket. A third man took them out. .Naren then shoved me back and shut the door. There is a hall between my *basha* and the office room. I heard the watchman cry and so I had got up. Then they went to the office room where the safe was. I heard them making a noise there. After they left I came out and found the safe opened, the tables upside down, the porter was lying under the table in fear and the watchman was injured. A train came up and I went off by it and gave information at Sonarpur and Beliaghata. This train was about 5-30 A.M. I sent a telegram from Sonarpore and reported the matter to the police and our office. I reported to the Sub-Inspector, Mohendra Babu, at Beliaghata. I then returned to Chingripota. The police enquired. I named to them three men whom I had seen at the dacoity—Narendra Nath Bhattacharja, Soileswar Bose and Bhusan Mitra, who is called Gule. I had known them from before. There were 10 or 12 dacoits in all. I only saw the 3 who came to my door. There were in the iron safe Government money and some money of mine. All the Government money which was in a bag and my money which was in a drawer had been removed. I identified Naren before the police. The others could not be found. Afterwards one appeared in Court.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Nibarun Chunder Pal.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

Nibaran Ch. Pal, Prosecution Witness No. 182, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 30th June 1910.

In presence of certain accused.—I identify Narendra Nath Bhattacharjya and Bhusan Mitra.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd) H. P Duval.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) Nibarun Ch. Pal,
S. M., Bhakta.

The deposition of Sheik Hafizuddin, Witness No. 183, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Sheik Hafizuddin. My father's name is Sheik Choudhari. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Tokapur Curchi, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am a *lakhrasdar*. I know Jotin Hazra, Shibu Hazra, Dasu Chatterji, Hari Adhikari, Atul Pal, Satya Banerji. These are men of Curchi I could if I saw identify Kristo Ghose and Nitai Rai. I do not know where these two live They used to come to Curchi and I have seen them all sitting together at Dasurathi Chatterji's house and at Kedar Hazra's and at Kalitola I have seen them all together twice or five times. I have twice seen two Calcutta Babus with them. I could identify them if I saw them. I live just by the Damodar. I saw once Jotin and Shibu taking them across the ferry. Shibu told me they were his men and came to see him. Shibu said to the *manjhi* they were Calcutta people when the *manjhi* asked for their fares.

Once too I saw these Calcutta men sitting at Kedar Hazra's house. I know Aminuddi-Sheik; he lives at Tokapur and has a shop in Radha Bazar, Calcutta. I have seen the Hazras and others collected there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI SHAIK HAFIZUDDIN (in vernacular).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

Hafizuddin, Prosecution Witness No. 183, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 6th June 1910.

I IDENTIFY Jotin Hazra, Manmatha, Shibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Dasarathi Chatterji. This man (Hari Adhikari) is, I think, Hari Adhikari.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI SHEIK HAFIZUDDIN (*in Bengali.*)

The deposition of Purna Ch. Sen, Witness, No. 184, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Purna Chandra Sen. My father's name is Godadhar Sen. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Morehal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am a daffadar. There was a dacoity in the house of Soshi Saha at Morehal about *Aghran* 1315. On that night about 8 P.M. I was going from Morehal to Jandabigha towards the south. At Janda I met about eight men coming northwards. They were like *bhadraloks*. I said "Where are your homes?" They said "Jingri." I said "Where are you going," and they said "Tarkeshwar." Behari Bera was with me. I sat at Janda. It is only 20 or 25 bighas from Morehal. I was sitting in the house of a villager when I heard the noise at Morehal. I saw there one man was running backwards and forwards. He was throwing crackers at a palm tree near Soshi's house, and we thought he was firing a gun. Then we heard the noise of iron chest being broken in Soshi's house. Many people collected. The man who was outside came to attack us and we fled. Many people were standing on the *bandh* of the Damodar. We went to the *bandh*. The dacoits came out of the house and fled across the *bandh*. We tried to surround them but they began to abuse and crossed the river. We followed. After a time Manmatha got surrounded and Balaram Sen struck him with a *lathi*. We arrested him and took him near Soshi's house and then to the thana. Tozuddi Mallik fled at the time of the dacoity and Manmatha was shot.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI PURNA CHANDRA SAU DUFFADAR (in vernacular).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Bepin Behari Sasmal, Witness No. 185, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Bepin Behari Sasmal. My father's name is Boirob Chandra Sasmal. I am by caste Kaibarta. My home is at mauza Par-Hariharpur, police-station Singti, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, and where I am a teacher in a *patsala*. There was a dacoity at Morehal. When I returned from my school in the evening, I went to see Nibaran Ghose who was ill and who lives at Hariharpur across the river from my house. I was going home at 7 or 8 P. M. There is a *musjid* just by the *bandh* and there as I passed I saw 7 or 8 men standing there. I was about a bigha off. They appeared to be *bhadra loks*. I asked them who they were and where they lived. They said they were a *jatra* party and came from Jhingri. They said they were going to Tarkeswar. I asked why they were stopping there. They said there are others to come. I then went to cross the river and while doing so as I came down the bank, there were 2 men standing on a piece of rough ground (*apariskar*.) They were dressed in white like *bhadra loks* and they told me they were *jatrawallahs* and waiting for others too. When I was in the water crossing about the middle of the river, I heard the people on the *bandh* shouting "Kali Babu Kali Babu, somoy late hoiya gelo." I went on home.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Bepin Behari Sasmal (in vernacular).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Kiron Ch. Mullick, Witness No. 186, aged about 39 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Kiron Chandra Mullik. My father's name is Sridhar Mullick. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Hadipur, police-station Digamgha, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Singti, zilla Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I know Manmatha Rai Choudhury. He was charged in the Morehal dacoity. He was tried at the Sessions and convicted and sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment, from the High Court. I investigated the case. I know he got jail. I know Nitai Singh Rai and Krista Ghose. I arrested them at the time of the dacoity at Morehal. I know Shibu Hazra. I brought a case against him under the Arms Act. This (Exhibit 108) is the 1st information. He and Kedar Hazra were convicted. I had found this revolver (Exhibit XLII) in their house. I was present when they were convicted and fined. Kedar Hazra is father of Shibu.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

N. B.—Order of conviction, dated 17th July 1909, is Exhibit 109 tendered by Counsel for the Crown.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd) K. C. MULLICK,
S. I.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Mazumdar, Witness No. 187, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Mazumdar. My father's name is Kalidas Mazumdar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Panchberia, police-station Katla, zilla Burdwan. I reside at present in mauza Hooghly, police-station Hooghly, zilla Hooghly, where I am Assistant Jailor at the Hooghly District Jail. I received a prisoner named Manmatha Nath Rai Chaudhuri. He was put in jail under a *hajat* warrant He was then convicted. The warrant came from the Sessions Judge at Hooghly. He was convicted under section 395 for dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

EXHIBIT 110:—High Court order filed.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) SATIS CHANDRA MAZUMDAR,
Assistant Jailor, Hooghly Jail.
2-6-1910.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-1910.

The deposition of Fani Bhusan Mukerji, Witness No. 188, aged about 17 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Fani Bhusan Mukerji. My father's name is Soshi Bhusan Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Muzilpur, police-station Joynagar, zila 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, where I am a student of the Joynagar Institute. I know Fani Bhattacharyya of our village, also Rajani Bhattacharyya. Fani Bhattacharyya used to be Secretary of the Young Men's *samiti*. This Samiti is no longer in existence.

Fani Bhattacharyya gave me a letter on the 17th or 18th April last year to give to Rajani Bhattacharyya. I gave it to Rajani. I do not remember where, but in the village. I also gave notices on four other persons.

I think the notice was like this (Exhibit 59).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) PHANI BHUSAN MUKERJI.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

Prosecution Witness Fani Bhusan Mukerji, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I IDENTIFY this man who is Rajani Kanto Bhattacharyya. He is the man to whom I took the invitation.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Taken in presence of Bhuban M. Mukerji, Jogesh Ch. Mitra, Noni Gopal Gupta, Shibapado Hazra, Rajani Bhattacharyya, Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya, Tincori Das Kristodhone *alias* Bhutan Mukherji, Chuni Lal Nundi.

(Sd.) PHANI BHUSAN MUKERJI.

The deposition of Khirode Ch. Das Sen, Witness No. 189, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Khirode Ch. Das Sen. My father's name is Gobind Ch. Sen. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Shampukur, Calcutta, where I reside at present. Formerly I lived at Shibpur in the house of Baikuntha Nath Ghosh. I am employed in Messrs. Burn & Co's. I rented the house from Baikuntha while I was at Sibpur. There was a dacoity in my house on the 29th or 28th of *Choit* in 1908. I was asleep in a camp cot on my verandah and about 3 A.M., the people came. I woke up, when one man caught me by the neck, another by the waist and another by the legs. I was held there while others got into the house. They went to kill my wife and daughter and son and so they in fear gave up their ornaments. The women gave up the ornaments. They then brought me into the house and ordered me to bring out the money. One man, as I hesitated, hoping people might come to help me, hit me in the face with the butt of the revolver. They pulled my shirt off a peg on the wall, then got my keys and opened the box themselves. Then they took my money, a *maduli* and some pieces of gold which were in a piece of paper. They also broke open a trunk and scattered clothes about. I do not know whether they took anything from among the clothes. They then left shutting the door. I went out after them, and could not see where they went: a constable arrived five or six minutes later. I reported the matter to the thana. The dacoits were Bengali-youths, some used Hindusthani words too. They were *bhadra loks*.

[A copy of first information is read over to him (Counsel for Crown says the original is lost). He says it is recorded correctly.]

Exhibit No. 111.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

2-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Khirode Chandra Sen (*in vernacular*).

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

2-6-10.

The deposition of Bhusan Dasi, Witness No. 190, aged years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Bhusan Dasi. My father's name is Banamali Sou. I am by caste Tamli. My home is at mauza Morehal, police-station Kristanagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am dependent on my husband's brother. There was a dacoity in our house last year in *Aghran* I was going to milk the cow at about one *prohar* of night. My brother-in-law held the light and I was milking. Then two or three men came and tried to enter the house. I said "Who are you"? They did not answer. I told my brother-in-law saying "Find who they are"? They then seized him and I fled off to the village and told the villagers that thieves had come and are killing him. The villagers then collected. I did not return to the house that day.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Sirkar, Witness No. 191, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Sirkar. My father's name is Nobin Chandra Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Bangalpur, police-station Bagnan, zilla Howrah. I reside at present at Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector in the Detective Department. I arrested Narendra Nath Chatterji, Joy Narain Missir and Basanta Kumar Das in connection with the Sibpur case of dacoity lodged by Khirode Chandra Das. I arrested them all at Bhagwan Das' shop in Kidderpore. This was on 4th April 1908. I knew Naren Chatterji from before, not the other two.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

Seen.
(Sd.) S. C. Sirkar,
Sub-Inspector.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

Satish Chandra Sirkar, Prosecution Witness No. 191, recalled on 4th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the house of Kalipada, son of Hem Chandra Chakerbarty. He lives in his father's house. I made a list of what was found, myself. It is correct. This is it. I signed it (Exhibit 122). The things were found in two rooms which Kali whom I arrested at the time pointed out as his. I found among others this Exhibit 122 (1), being No. 2 of the list—being 12 photographs, this writing exhibit 122 (2) being No. 3 of the list and this Exhibit 122 (3) being No 4 of the list and this Exhibit 122 (4) pocket book and this note inside it [122 (5)] and this bundle of papers and books [122 (6)] and this Kukri (Exhibit XLIII.)

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Satish Chandra Sarkar,
Sub-Inspector.
4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Arabinda Mukerji, Witness No. 192, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Arabinda Mukerji. My father's name Hari Gopal Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Halisahar, police-station Naihati, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police. In April 1908, I was Sub-Inspector of Shibpur. Abdul Gafar was Sub-Inspector there, over me. He is dead. He took the 1st information in the Shibpur dacoity case. The original information was sent to the Howrah Court,—a copy was sent to the Police. Sachindra Nath Chakravarty, head-constable copied it. He is now dismissed. I know his handwriting. This is his handwriting (on Exhibit 111). I was present when the 1st information was recorded.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) A. Mukerji,
Sub-Inspector.
2-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Rai Shaheb Purno Chandra Lahiri, Witness No. 193, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Purno Chandra Lahiri. My father's name is Koilash Chandra Lahiri. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kumarkali, police-station Kushtia, zilla Nadia. I reside at present at 25, Royd Street, Calcutta, where I am Inspector of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Calcutta.

On 7th August 1907, I searched the house 28-1, Mirzapur Street. At that time it was the office of the *Yugantar*. I had a search warrant from the Chief Presidency Magistrate, in connection with a sedition case against Basanta Kumar Bhattacharyya and Abinash Chandra Bhattacharyya. The former was printer and publisher, and the latter the manager of the paper. In the course of the search I found there two post-cards (Exhibits 112 and 113) among other things. Since then they have been in my custody. The prosecution ended in the conviction of Basanta and discharge of Abinash.

On or about 1st July 1907, I conducted a search at 41, Champatola 1st Lane under a warrant of the Chief Presidency Magistrate in a case for sedition against Bhupendra N. Dutt. At that time 41 Champatola was the office of the *Yugantar*. There I found among others this document (Exhibit 114). It has been in my custody since then. Bhupendra was convicted for printing and publishing seditious matter in the *Yugantar* in that case. Abinash was then the manager of the *Yugantar*.

In this search, I also found these lists of subscribers (Exhibits 115 and 116). I searched 5, Ramdhan Mitter's Lane in connection with a prosecution against Fanindra Nath Mitra, printer and publisher of *Yugantar* either on 25th or 26th December 1907, under a warrant of the Chief Presidency Magistrate. This post-card (Exhibit 117) was found among other things.

The prosecution ended in conviction.

To Court. Abinash Bhattacharyya was convicted in the Alipore Bomb Case.

The books are in the same condition as when I took possession of them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Purna Chandra Lahiri,
Inspector of Police.
2-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

Purna Chandra Lahiri, Prosecution Witness No. 193, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 25th June 1910.

It was my duty from 1905 to 1908 May to keep myself informed of declarations under the Press Act. Thus I know of the declarations concerning *Sandhya*, *Yugantar*, *Bande Mataram* and *Nava Sakti*. I know Bhupendra Nath Dutta. He was in 1906 and 1907 editor, printer and publisher of the *Yugantar*. He was prosecuted for disseminating sedition. I investigated into that case. He was convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Kingsford, and sentenced in my presence to one year's rigorous imprisonment. I know Hari Charan Das, Brahma Bhandhab Upadhaya and Saroda Charan Sen. Hari Charan was printer and publisher, Saroda manager and Brahma Bhandab editor of *Sandhya*. They too were prosecuted. Saroda and Hari Charan apologised and the prosecution was withdrawn. Brahma Bhandhab died during trial. Manobendra Nath Chatterji became printer and publisher of *Sandhya* and he was convicted for sedition – by Mr. Kingsford. Apurba K. Bose was prosecuted and convicted in connection with the *Bande Mataram* for sedition. Monmohan Ghose was printer and publisher of the *Nava Sakti*. He was convicted in February 1908. Keshab Ch. Gupta and Basudev Bhattacharja and Srimanta Lal Rai Choudhury were convicted for printing and publishing a print called 'Sonar Bangla' without giving the declaration necessary: Also Srimanta and Keshab were also convicted for printing and publishing *Yugantar* without a declaration. Government had sent warnings to papers. I know in case of *Bande Mataram* and *Yugantar* such warnings were sent.

I searched 41, 1st Chapatolla Lane, on the 1st July 1907 with Mr. Ellis and other officers, in connection with a sedition prosecution against Bhupendra Nath Dutta. He was there, so was Abinash Chandra Bhattacharja, Soilendra Kumar Bose, Sudhir Kumar Sirkar and Bibhuti Bhushan Sirkar. Soilendra told me he was sub-manager. Bibhuti told

me he was living at a boarding house which had connection with the *Yugantar*. Bhupendra admitted he was printer, publisher and editor and was convicted. I found M.S S. and proof sheets of the "Bertaman Rona Niti" and a proof sheet of "Mukti Kon Pote."

On 24th December I searched 5, Ramdhun Mittra's Lane in connection with a prosecution of Boikanta Nath Acharya for publishing sedition in the *Yugantar* and I found this book (Exhibit 206).

On 10th May 1908 I searched No. 2-1, Creek Row, the *Bande Mataram* Office. I found this document (Exhibit 207) there.

On 19th May 1908 I searched 4, Raja's Lane. He was at the time manager of the *Yugantar*. He was not present at the time. I had last seen him at the Police Court, when I had searched his person and let him go. I afterwards got a body warrant against him but he absconded. This is the list of what I found. The things found are correctly entered. I found among other things these letters—Exhibit 209, also this trunk (Exhibit XLVII) with arms and ammunition as entered in the search list.

Exhibit 208.

Also these (Exhibits 210—219).

I searched 46, Mechuabazar Street, where Hem Sen lived. It is something like a mess house. I made a list. It was on 20th January 1910. I found him there and arrested him. This is the list 220 and among the things I found this account book (220 (1)—and these (Exhibit 220 (2) (rest).

The searches at 32, Muraripukhur and 4 Harrison Road took place at the same time. 4, Harrison Road used to be the *Yugantar* Book Agency.

At 10, Protap Chatterji's Street I took possession of this book (Exhibits 143 and 144) and sent it to Court. I went to 46, Mechuabazar directly after the Netra dacoity to look for Lalit Chakravartty, as it was his and Hem Sen's Calcutta place of residence. I found none of them present. Fanindra was convicted for sedition twice in connection with the *Yugantar*. I was present when he was convicted.

Taranath was convicted by the Hon'ble High Court under the Arms Act and the contents of the box (XLVII) were produced before it. I was present when he was convicted. I am conducting a prosecution under section 131 against certain persons :—Sarat Mitter, Suresh Mitter, Satis Mitter, Bhuban and Bhutan Mukherji, Noni Gupta and Naren Chatterji (absconder) and Lalit Chakravarty (approver) before the District Magistrate of 24-Parganas.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) PURNA CHANDRA LAHIRI,
Inspector of Police.
25-6-10.

Rai Purna Chandra Lahiri Sahib, Prosecution Witness No. 193, recalled on 29th June 1910.

I PRODUCE a letter by Surendra Narain Sarbadhikari addressed to Tara Nath Babu which I found when I searched 4, Raja's Lane. I have not produced it before any Court before as the antecedents of the writer were being enquired into.

Exhibit 945.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) PURNA CHANDRA LAHIRI.
Inspector of Police.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Gopal Ghose, Witness No. 194, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Gopal Ghose. My father's name is Mohesh Chandra Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Musapore, police-station Haripal, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present where I am a cultivator and owner of a *mudi* shop. There was a dacoity in my house last year in *Falgun*, the *Falgun* before last. I was asleep in my house and six men entered my room. I could not see who were outside. The men came in and seized the ornaments and money. They took all we had. They had pistols and guns. They also fired outside the house. I was so beaten with an iron small bar on the head and also beaten on the back. I was laid up for 3 months. I could identify no one. They seemed to be chiefly *bhadra loks* with some *chota loks* with them. One looked at his watch by the lamp and said "Kali, there are only 15 minutes more left." Then they left. I informed the police. My report then was read over to me and it was correctly written. I can write. I do not remember if I signed it.

Bhonda Ghose is my nephew. He is dead. He and I lived in the same 'bit' but are not joint. There was a dacoity at his house too. He informed the police. He went to the police as I was too ill to go. I gave my deposition to the police at my house. Some 700 or 800 rupees which was buried in the house were dug up by the dacoits. They made me show where it was by beating me. The ornaments were inside a tin *petra*. They forced it open with a crow bar and took them. They were worth about 400 to 600 rupees.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Gopal Chandra Ghose (*in vernacular.*)

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval,
2-6-10.

The deposition of Mohini Dasi, Witness No. 195, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Mohini Dasi. My father's name is Madhab Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Musarpur, police-station Haripal, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present, where I am sister of Gopal Ghose and live in the same *bari* but eat separately. There was a dacoity in Gopal's house. I was asleep then. I asked the dacoits when they came into the *bari*, "Who are you"? and they said "Keep silence." The dacoity then took place. They said finally "Ma Kali, come out, there is only some 15 minutes." I saw none of the dacoits. I was in my *ghar*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Nidhiram Ghose, Witness No. 196, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 2nd day of June 1910.

My name is Nidhiram Ghose. My father's name is Srimanta Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Musarpur, police-station Haripal, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator. I know Gopal Ghose. He is my *bhaipo* and lives close to me. There was a dacoity in his house. I was asleep and was awaken by the noise. I came out and I thought a snake had come out and people were killing it. I asked how you found it. Then the dacoits said "Make no noise, *sala*, or we will cut you down." I ran off to the villagers and said there was a dacoity in Gopal Ghose's. But the dacoits began firing guns and none of the villagers dare approach. When I asked about the snake, I saw the dacoits. They had shirts on. I cannot say whether they were *chota* or *badra loke*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

(Sd.) Nidhiram Ghose (*in vernacular.*)

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
2-6-10.

The deposition of Charles Kennedy, Witness No. 197, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Charles Kennedy. I reside at present in mauza Garden Reach, police-station Garden Reach, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am watchman of the Taxi-Cab Company. I was a European warder in the Alipore Central Jail for 11 months and I left about 2 months ago. I was in charge of certain political prisoners there. This man (Nani Gupta) was one of them.

I remember the 28th March. I was on duty from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. This man—Nani Gupta was there in one of the cells in the yard I was in charge of. He got permission on that day to write a letter. I gave him the prescribed articles—prisoner's letter paper and pen and ink. He wrote the letter afterwards. I gave him the paper about 1 P.M. I went, when I was going off duty, to fetch his letter and he was sitting close to the bars. I went inside the cell enclosure to the bars. He had the paper I gave him in front but nothing written on it. Close by this letter paper I saw a small piece of paper about so large (shows about 2 inches). I told him to give it me. He got up to give it me, and underneath him was another piece which had writing on it. I told him to give it me too. He wanted to destroy it and he did tear it. I told him not to. He then having torn off a piece gave it and the rest of the paper to me. I identify these as the papers and I see it is the same writing [Exhibits 26(*a*) and 26(*b*)]. [Shows the tear in Exhibit 26(*a*)]. Exhibit 26(*b*) is the first paper that I saw. I kept the papers till 5 P.M., when I returned to the jail and then made them over to Mr. Willshaw, the Chief Warder. About a day or two after, the Superintendent, Mr. Emerson, called me and took my statement. He wrote a letter only for clean clothes after I had taken the other papers from him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) C. Kennedy.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Charu Chandra Chatterji, Witness No. 198, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Charu Chandra Chatterji. I reside at present at Diamond Harbour, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Subdivisional Officer. I was Subdivisional Officer last year. I know this man—he is Lalit Chakravarty. He made two confessions to me—one in connection with the Netra dacoity, another concerning a general conspiracy. I recorded them under section 164, Criminal Procedure Code. I asked questions which I have recorded with their answers to satisfy myself that the statements were voluntarily made. I took down the confession correctly—every word of it. I gave the ordinary certificate. I read the whole thing over to the witness who signed every page. These (Exhibits 1 and 2) are these confessions. Lalit himself bolted the door of my bungalow and so was the only person present when I recorded the statements.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) C. C. Chatterji.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Panchkori Mukherji, Witness No. 199, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Panchkori Mukherji. My father's name is Gayaram Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at No. 30, Sitaram Ghose's Street, Calcutta, where I reside and where I am a clerk of the Eastern Bengal State Railway. I know Haridas Chakravarty. His house was searched in my presence. A list of what was found was prepared and I signed it. He lives at 31, Sitaram Ghose. The house is occupied by Mohini Mohon Chakravarty, father of Haridas Chakravarty. Some letters, etc., were taken possession of. I signed each paper. I saw the list agreed with the papers. This is the list (Exhibit 104) and this my signature. [Exhibit 104(*a*)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) PANCHKORI MUKERJI.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Ashutosh Bhattacharyya, Witness No. 200, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Bhattacharyya. My father's name is Haraprosad Bhattacharyya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Mozilpore, police-station Joynagar, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present and where I am dealer in timber and wood. I know Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya. I live in the same village as he. The house he lives in belongs to Ram Gopal Bhattacharyya, his grand-father. His house was searched in my presence and 4 post-cards, a pocket book and a manuscript book which appeared to be part of the "Gita." The things that were found were correctly entered in the list. I signed the list and the articles seized. This is my signature and the list—Exhibit 63 (*a*) and Exhibit 63.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Ashutosh Bhattacharyya (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Gnanendra Kumar Chakravarty, Witness No. 201, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Gnanendra Kumar Chakravarty. My father's name is Prosanna Kumar Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kodalia, police station Sonarpore, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present—where I am Audit Inspector River Steam Navigation Company.

I know Naren Bhattacharyya. He lives at Kodalia. His house is near mine. He lives with his maternal grandfather Taran Chandra Chakravarty. Some letters and papers were found. A list was prepared in my presence. I signed it. This is the list and this my signature [Exhibits 118 and 118 (*a*)]. I signed the papers too.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Jnanendra Kumar Chakravarty.

The deposition of Birendra Nath Mukerji, Witness No. 202, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Birendra Nath Mukherji. My father's name is Ramgoti Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kaldihi, police station Kakse, zilla Burdwan. I reside at present at Sonarpore police station, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police in charge.

I searched the house of Narendra Bhattacharja on 20th January 1910. I prepared a list of what I found and seized. This (Exhibit 118) is it. The properties are correctly entered.

I produce 3 photographs [118 (1)-(3)];

1 photograph of Arabinda Ghose and a lady—in an envelope [Exhibits 118 (5) and 118 (4)];
14 copies of *Dharma* Magazine [118 (6)];
18 copies of Bengali *Karmajogin* [118 (7)];
1 copy of English *Karmajogin* [118 (8)];
2 files of letters and post-cards [118 (9) and 118 (10)];
and another bundle—[118 (11)].

I also searched the house of Bhusan Chandra Mitra on 8th November 1909. I prepared a search list. He lived in the house of his brother-in-law, Haridas Das Ghose of Chingripota. The list is correctly prepared and I signed it [Exhibit 119.)

On the same day I also searched the house of his brother Dwijendra Nath Mitra of Harinavi. There I found some ornaments. These two books [Exhibit 119 (1) and Exhibit 119 (2)] were found at Bhusan Mitra's.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) B. Mukerji.
S.-I.,
Sonarpur.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Kishori Mohan Ghosal, Witness No. 203, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Kishori Mohan Ghosal. My father's name is Kali Charan Ghosal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am Library clerk, Legal Remembrancer's Office.

I know Madaru. His house was searched and certain letters were found in his house. A list was prepared and I signed it [Exhibit 98(*a*)]. I identify my signature on the papers found [(Exhibit 98 (1)-(7)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Read over to witness in English and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) K. M. Ghosal.
4-6-10.

The deposition of Prokash N. Dutt, Witness No. 204, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Prokash Nath Dutt. My father's name is Surendra Nath Das Dutt I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Mozilpore, police-station Joynagar, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, where I am a zamindar. I know Chuni Lal Nandi. His house was searched in my presence and many papers and letters were found. A list was prepared. I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 62) and this my signature [Exhibit 62 (a).] Chuni Nandi was my bazar sirkar three years ago and I know his hand-writing. At that time my father was alive. Chuni could write in English and Bengali and I know his writing in both languages.

This 62 (1) was found there and I signed it. Chuni. his mother, and her paramour were present there too. The entry "86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, C/o Sarat Chandra Mitra, Doctor" is in his handwriting. This page [marked 63 (1) (a)] is in his handwriting too. I know Chuni, Rajani, Tinkori and Indu Kiran and Satya Kiran Bhattacharja. They had a party for playing with *lathi*. They had an *akra*, first near my house in a jungly place, which was the deserted family dwelling of the Choudhuris' and after that in a house they made in the garden of Chandra Kumar Banerji. I saw them all playing with *lathis* there. They were a regular party. Tinkori and Chuni got medals subscribed for among themselves for *lathi* play and wrestling. This house has been broken down after their arrest, but some members of the party are still there. I know some, as their fathers worked for my father in our estate. The main *akra* was at Bishupur. About a year ago, about a month or two before Tinkori was arrested, this *akra* had a match with the Bishupur *akra*. The head of the Bishupur *akra* is still in jail for dacoity and murder. These boys I have mentioned belonged to the Bishupur *akra* before.

These 62 (19)—items 18 to 23 of the list—Exhibit 62 not exhibited before—contain Chuni's writing.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

(Sd.) Prokash Nath Dutt.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
4-6-10.

Prosecution Witness No. 204, Prokash Nath Dutt, recalled on solemn affirmation on 6th June 1910.

I identify Chuni Nundi, Tinkori Das, and this man. He is Rajani Bhattacharja (shows Bhusan Mitra)—Rajani looks like this man.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in presence of Chuni and Tinoori and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Prokash Nath Dutt.

Prosecution Witness No. 204, Prokash Nath Dutt, recalled on solemn affirmation on 16th June 1910.

I identify to-day Rajani Bhattacharyya and Indu Kiran. They are first cousins.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) Prokash Nath Dutt.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Dutt, Witness No. 205, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Dutt. My father's name is Kedar Nath Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Muzilpur, police-station Joynagar, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present and where I am of independent means. I know Tinkori Das. I was present at the search of his house. A list was prepared and the same was correct. I signed it [Exhibit 61 (*a*)]. Identifies the list (Exhibit 61).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Satish Chandra Dutt.

The deposition of Golam Kadir, Witness No. 206, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Golam Kadir. My father's name is Golam Robbani. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Santipore, police-station Santipore, zilla Nadia. I reside at present at Arambag police-station, zilla Hooghly, where I am Sub-Inspector. I was formerly at Haripal as Sub-Inspector. I was Sub-Inspector there in February 1909. A complaint of dacoity at Musarpur was lodged before me at the thana and another on the spot. Bhunda Ghose lodged this information at the thana (Exhibit 120). This is it. I read it over to him and took his thumb impression. I went to the spot and there I recorded a 2nd information. This is it (Exhibit 121). The man who gave it was Gopal Ghose and he was wounded. He signed the information.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Golam Kader.

Sub-Inspector of Police.

4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-1910.

The deposition of Nripendra Nath Banerji, Witness No. 207, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 4th day of June 1910.

My name is Nripendra Nath Banerji. My father's name is Rajendra Lal Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Calcutta. I reside at present at Bantra police-station, zilla Howrah, where I am a head-constable. I searched the house of Pulin Sirkar, about 24th March. The Sub-Inspector, Narendra Nath Bhattacharja, prepared the list. I signed it. He correctly entered the papers in the list. This is the list (Exhibit 123). These things were found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

4-6-10.

(Sd.) Nripendra Lall Banerji.

The deposition of Hari Charan Bhattacharja, Witness No. 208, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Hari Charan Bhattacharja. My father's name is Kali Prosanna Bhattacharja. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Rajpur, police-station Sonarpur, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in mauza 22, Baldiapara Road, police-station Maniktola, zilla 24-Parganas, where I have the New Britannia Printing Press Ambika Charan Bhattacharja is my elder brother, and he lives at Benares. In *Assar* 1908 I went to Benares. It was the day before the *Rath Jatra* that I left Calcutta. I had two people with me in the same part of the carriage, but in a separate compartment. I was in the third class. These two were friends of mine. We left Howrah by the Bombay Mail. When I got into the compartment it was very full. I could not find a seat and had to stand. After the train started I noticed that a Musalman had a whole bench to himself by spreading his bedding on it. I asked him to make room for me but he refused. I then pushed his bedding on one side and sat by his feet. He put one of his legs on my shoulder. I got very angry and another Babu who was in the upper bunk came down and pushed the Musalman and his bedding aside and made room for me and I sat down. I asked the Babu his name and his home. He said he was Chuni and lived in the 24-Parganas. When we reached Asansol the Muhammadan got out. I then got to sleep. In the morning Chuni Babu got down from his bunk. He had a Babu with him whom he called Nobin Babu. They began to talk. A little before we reached Gaya, Chuni Babu asked me where I was going and I said Benares. They said they were going to Gaya. Chuni Babu said Gaya was a place to see and as I was only on a pleasure trip he asked me to stay there. I asked my two friends and we got out at Gaya. Chuni and the other Babu also got out. We lost sight of them. I asked the ticket collector for a Brahmin hotel or *dharmasala*. He said there were both. We went to *dharmasala* and finding a clean room there we put our things there and rested. Some of the Gaya *pandas* began to worry. Some went off when I said we were only on a pleasure trip. About an hour after Chuni and Nobin Babu came to our room. They said they had gone to make enquiries about another person and did not find him. They then found where we were. Then they stayed with us. We afterwards all five went in a gharri to see the Vishnupada temple. After that we had food at the hotel and then returned to the *dharmasala*. Next morning all five of us started to go to Benares by the Bombay Mail. On arrival at the station Chuni and Nobin bought intermediate class tickets. They then travelled intermediate and we third. We got out at Kashi Rajghat. Chuni Babu showed me when I asked where they were going, a piece of paper with my brother's address at Harurbag on it and so I came to know they were going to my brother. I said I was going there too. We then all five went by boat to Kedar Ghat and thence went to my brother's house I found my brother was out to work but his son Satis took all of us in. After a bit the two babus went out and on return, Banga, my elder brother's brother-in-law came with them. Soon after my elder brother came home and after that I knew that Nobin Babu's real name was Pobitra. I did not know Banga before. I identify Banga (shows Lalit Mohon Chakravartty). He had then a *tiki* and his hair was shorter. I identify Chuni Lal Nandi and this man (Pobitra) is Nobin.

When I went to meal at 3 P. M., Banga was not there. Chuni and Pobitra had their meals with us. Banga came in after the end of the meal and he talked to the other two and after a time they went out. I went out with my nephew sight seeing. I slept the night on the roof. Next evening we met them again at the Bishwanath *mundir* at the time of the *arati* They did not return with us. They went to some *basha* of their own to which they went with Banga. Satis told me that Banga had a lodging with them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Hari Charan Bhattacharjee.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Ashutosh Lahiri, Witness No. 209, aged about 34 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Lahiri. My father's name is Keshab Ch. Lahiri. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Santragachi, police-station Domjur, zilla Howrah. I reside at present in mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am Mess Superintendent of the Shibpur Engineering College. I know Indu Kiran Bhattacharja. He was a student in the College and had room No. 44 in the mess. His room was searched by the Police and some papers were taken out of his box in my presence and in the presence of two other residential officers. The list was prepared in my presence and what was found was correctly entered. This is the list (Exhibit 124) with my signature [124 (a and b)]. Identifies Exhibit 124 (1) (2) (3) and says he signed each item of the articles found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-1910.

(Sd.) Ashutosh Lahiri.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Ashutosh Ghose, Witness No. 210, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Ghose. My father's name is Gopal Chandra Ghose. I am by caste Sodgope. My home is at mauza Jangacha, police-station Domjur, zilla Howrah where I reside at present, where I am a landing and shipping contractor. I know Kalipada Chakravarty who lives in our village. His house was searched by the Police. I was present. Certain papers, books, photos, etc., were taken by the police. A list of the articles was prepared in my presence. I did not check the list with the articles. I signed it. I also signed the papers found. This is the list (Exhibit 122) and these are my signatures [Exhibit 122 (a) and (b)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Ashutosh Ghosh.
6-6-10

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Mohendra Nath Das, Witness No. 211, aged about 56 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Mohendra Nath Das. My father's name is Divnarain Das. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Jugacha, police-station Jugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am a Government pensioner and school master.

I know Pulin Behari Sirkar. He lives with his brother-in-law, Prosad Chandra Ghose. His house was searched in my presence. A list of papers and books, etc., were made— —— which were found. I signed it. This is the list (Exhibit 123) and this my signature [Exhibit 123 (a)]. There were about 24 different items. I signed them all. [Shows signature———(Exhibit 123 (1)—123 (18) and Exhibit 123 (19).]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Mohendra Nauth Dass.
6-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Ashutosh Bose, Witness No. 212, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Bose. My father's name is Krista Das Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chingripota, police-station Sonarpore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present, where I am a manufacturer's agent. I know Bhushan Mitra. He is also called Gule. He lived at Harinavi. His father-in-law's house,—the late Umesh Chandra Ghose—was searched. He used at times to stay there. In my presence papers were found and a list prepared. This is it (Exhibit 119). These two books [Exhibit 119 (1) and 119 (2)] were found in the search. Bhushan was not present at the time of the search.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Ashutosh Bose.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Becharam Chatterji, Witness No. 213, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Becharam Chatterji. My father's name is Kali Kumar Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am assistant book-keeper to Messrs. R. S. Hart Brothers.

I know Bistupada Chatterji. His house was searched in my presence. A list of what the police took was prepared. I do not remember if I signed the list but I signed the things taken away. [On being shown the list (Exhibit 100)—admits his signature—Exhibit 100 (a) and (b)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Becharam Chatterji.
6-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Nandalal Banerji, Witness No. 214, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 6th day of June 1910.

My name is Nanda Lal Banerji. My father's name is Durga Das Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Jugacha, police-station Jugacha, zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am a doctor. The Police searched the house of Upen De in my presence. A list of what was found was prepared. I signed it. I also signed the papers found. This is the list (Exhibit 87) and my signature [(Exhibit 87 (a) and (b)]. This piece of paper [Exhibit 87 (2)] was found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

(Sd.) Nondo Lal Banerjee.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
6-6-10.

The deposition of Chandra Nath Paramanik, Witness No. 215, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Chandra Nath Paramanik. My father's name is Biswa Nath Paramanik. I am by cast Tanti. My home is at mauza Salgeria, police-station Pabna, zilla Pabna. I reside at present in mauza Natore, police-station Natore, zilla Rajshahi, where I am a zemindar and banker. I pay over a thousand rupees income-tax. Near my home 4 or 5 houses off was the Ramkristo *Savasram*. It was in the house of Ram Protap Behani, a Marwari. It is in Kapuria Pute. Atul Mukherjee, called Atul Master, was my son's tutor for about six months and so I knew him. Sometimes I saw him dressed in the ordinary way but at other times he put on "Gerua" and other times he dressed without the "kacha," like a Muhammedan or Bairagi. He used to go, I believe, at times to the *Asram*. I never went inside myself. I know one Satis, brother of Ramesh Doctor, and I knew the son of Girish Sirkar. I have forgotton his name. I could identify him. I also knew Satis Sanyal, the head-master's son. I do not know well the nephew of Hari Mohan Doctor, but I might be able to identify him. These boys go about together. I have to pass the *Asram* on the way to my *thakurbari* Where my *thakurbari* is, I have built myself a new house. So I am always passing several times in the day the *Asram*. One day I saw Satis Sirkar weighing rice in the verandah of the *Asram*. I asked him what he was doing it for, as he was a *bhadralok* and should be being educated. He told me that he got rice from people in handfuls by begging and sell the rice and give the money to the poor. Other two or three *chogras* were there at the same time.

Girish's son once asked me for a subscription when I was on the road. I do not remember now if it was he or Romesh Doctor's brother. I said I do not understand this and I can not give. He said you always give to Government (for the water-works I gave Rs. 1,000). You will not be likely give to us. He said this taunting me.

I used to notice that after nightfall the *Asram* was kept shut and I cannot say what they did inside.

Atul once when with me received a money order. I asked him who had sent it. He said his father. I said that is strange, as when you came to me, you said you had quarrelled with father. He received money orders twice to my knowledge. I also one day found him eating from the same plate as my son Brojo Mohan. I was surprised at his doing this as he was a Brahmin and we are Sudras. I was suspicious and dismissed him. He had been introduced to me by the tutor I had before him. He was not a man of our country.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI CHANDRA NATH PARAMANIK (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

Chandra Nath Paramanik, Prosecution Witness No. 215, recalled on 9th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

IN presence of certain accused. This man (Sirish Sirkar) is Girish Babu Doctor's son, to whom I referred. Is shown Atul Mukherjee, (convict.) After some hesitation, he says he is Atul Master, Atul is like him.

(Witness appears to be doubtful.)

I identify no others.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*]

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI CHANDRA NATH PARAMANIK (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Bhola Nath Rai, Witness No. 216, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Bhola Nath Rai. My father's name is Baidya Nath Rai. I am by caste Kayastha My home is at mauza Rampur Boalia, police-station Rampur Boalia, zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present, where I am looking after my father's zamindary. I used to read at the Bhola Nath Rajshahi Academy. I read there up to the fourth class and after that I read in the Rajshahi Edward Seminary up to the entrance class and then I gave up study. The Edward Seminary is no longer in existence. I read in the National School for one month after leaving the Edward Seminary about six months. There was a talk of my studying at the National Medical School in Calcutta and so I went to the National School.

When I was in the Edward School, there used to be wrestling, parallel bar, drilling, etc. When we were joined by the Technical School, wrestling, *lathi* play and parallel bar were added: before that there was only drill and "dang" which had been compulsory. I did not play *lathi*. Manmatha Biswas played *lathi*.

The play-field of the Edward Seminary was large and the Technical School had no field. Manmatha Biswas asked us to let the boys of the Technical School in our field. We allowed them but after about a month our Head-master turned them out, as they played *lathi* and he took us to task for letting outsiders into our field. I can identify Manmatha Biswas. I know Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Brojendra Gossain, Satya Ch. Choudhury, Jogesh Chandra Talapatra, Jotindra Nath Munshi, Ramapado Mukherji. I know all these and I can identify them. They used to exercise in our field. There was the *rakhibandan* each year. I have seen Rampado in that ceremony in the house of Sri Gobindo Rai, Pleader, and Kristo Chandra Sanyal, Pleader. I have not seen Bidhu or Manmatha in it.

I have a relation named Mohim Rai. Bidhu used to stay in his house in the outer *bari* in a thatched hut. Once I saw 5 or 6 other *chogras* there with him. I could identify them. They were sitting down together drawing maps. I have not seen those I have named together except at our field.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

(Sd). BHOLA NATH RAI.

Bholanath Rai, Prosecution Witness No. 216, recalled in presence of some accused, on 9th June 1910 on solemn affirmation.

THIS man is Bhupen Rai Chowdhary, this is Manmatha Nath Biswas and this Rampado Mukerji. This man (Bidhu) is I think Bidhu Bhuson Biswas. Bhupen used to read in the Bholanath Academy.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) BHOLANATH RAI.

The deposition of Mohanando Chatterji, Witness No. 217, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Mohanando Chatterji. My father's name is Sudhorsan Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Chatna, police-station Chatna, zilla Bankura. I reside at present in mauza Rampur Boalia, police-station Rampur Boalia, zilla Rajshahi, where I am a hotel keeper. Two hundred and 250 people come and eat at my hotel a day. Among them are many boys of the Technical School. Among them I used to see Bidhu Bhusan and Manmatha Biswas. They used to come together to eat at my hotel They were companions and were wild young men. They made difficulty about payment and abused the servants, so I refused to feed them any more. There were about 10 who used to go about together. I may be able to identify some of the other 8.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
7-6-10.

for Mahendra Chatteri,
(Sd.) Hem Chadra Acherjee.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
7-6-10.

Prosecution Witness No. 217, recalled in presence of some accused, on 9th June 1910.

I identify this man. I forget his name. I have seen him going about with this man, whose name I forget (Manmatha Nath Biswas). This man (shown) is Bidhu Bhusan Biswas. This man too (Bijoy Chakrabarty) went about with them.

Bhupendra Narain Rai Chowdhury.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

[*No cross examnation.*]

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Rajani Kanto Mozumdar, Witness No. 218, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Rajani Kanta Mozumdar. My father's name is Rohini Kanta Mozumdar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chatni, police-station Nattore, zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present in mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Rampur Boalia, zilla Rajshahi, where I am clerk to the Deputy Inspector of Schools. I formerly read in the Edward Seminary. I know Bhupendra Rai Choudhuri, Ramapoda Mukherji, Manmatha Biswas, Bidhu Biswas and I shall be able to identify them. Bidhu stayed at Mohini Mohon Rai's *bari*. A large number of boys of the Technical School lived there. There was gymnastic first at the Technical School and afterwards they came to the Edward Seminary's ground. I have seen Manmatha Biswas, Bidhu Biswas, one Boleram and most of the Technical School come and exercise there. They had wrestling, drill and *lathi* play. This was four or five years ago. I have seen Manmatha go to Bidhu Biswas' house. I have seen Ramapoda at our school club. After the abolition of the Edward Seminary about three years ago, I have seen Bhupendra playing *lathi* at the Academy Club. I have seen Ramapoda at that club. I have seen Bidhu and Manmatha playing there too. Only two or four boys now go to the Academy Club. I cannot say why. *Lathi* exercise went on at the Academy Club up to the time Manmatha and Bidhu were arrested. I heard Manmatha was delivering a speech on physical exercise.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
7-6-1910.

(Sd.) Rajani Kanta Mozumdar.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
7-6-10.

Rajani Kanto Mozumdar, Witness No. 218, recalled on 9th June 1910, on solemn affirmation in presence of accused.

I identify Rampoda Mukherji, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Bhupendra Nath Rai Chowdhury and Bidhu Bhusan Biswas.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-1910.

(Sd.) Rajani Kanta Mozumdar.

The deposition of Hem Chandra Acharyya, Witness No. 219, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Hem Chandra Acharyya. My father's name is Jagat Bundhu Acharyya. I am by caste Brahmin My home is at mauza Balachora, Police-station Palang, zilla Faridpur. I reside at present in mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Hampore Boalia, zilla Rajshahi, where I am a student. I have passed the Matriculation Examination from the Bhola Nath Academy. There is a Technical School at Rajshahi. There is a *dalan* belonging to the Academy and some boys of the school rented it for a *mesar*. They used to exercise on the east side of the Academy buildings on its grounds and exercised in the west side. Manmatha, Bhupen Rai Choudhury and Rampoda used to exercise there. They did *dung*, bar and *lathi* play. Manmatha was the head of the club and Bhupen was under him This was probably in 1908-09. I can identify Manmatha, Bhupen and Rampoda. I have seen Manmatha and Bhupen walking together from time to time on the banks of the Padma.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
7-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
7-6-10.

(Sd.) Hem Chandra Acharje.

Hem Chandra Acharyya, Witness No. 219, recalled on 9th June 1910, on solemn affirmation in presence of accused.

This man is Bhupen Rai Chowdhury, this Manmatha Biswas, this man Rampoda (identifies).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) Hem Chandra Acharja.

The deposition of Bhupati Ghose, Witness No. 220, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Bhupati Ghose. My father's name is Haridas Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Gomamara, police-station Rampur Boalia, zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present, where I am a student of the Collegiate School, Rajshahi. I am reading in the 1st year B. class, Engineering Department. I know Bhupendra Rai Choudhuri. He is my class friend.

I know Ramapoda Mukherji who took part in acting at the Victoria Theatre, Rajshahi. I know Manmatha Biswas. He was in the Technical school in the 2nd year overseer class. Their workshop was in the same building as ours but in a separate room.

I have seen Bhupendra and Manmatha Biswas often going about together. I have not seen Ramapoda going with them.

There is a field on both sides of the Bhola Nath Academy School, and the Technical school boys had hired a house for the Academy for a mess and they used to have *lathi* play and other exercises in front of the mess house and to the east of the Academy. Manmatha played a great deal. Bhupendra used only to sit there. I did not see Ramapoda play, but I saw him there. The boys of the Academy wanted also to play *lathi* on the west side, but the Head-master would not allow it and could only allow the same exercise as in the Government School. The Head-master and assistant Head-master forbade Bhupendra to play *lathi*, but he used to go and play secretly with the Technical School. He was fined twice for this. He was a boy of the Academy. The Head-master turned the Technical boys out. I next saw the Technical School boys had gone to play with the boys of the National School on their ground. I have seen, as far as I remember, Manmatha, Bhupendra and Ramapoda play there. I have certainly seen Manmatha, but I am uncertain about Bhupen and Ramapoda.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

(Sd.) BHUPATI CHARAN GHOSH.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

Bhupati Charan Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 220, recalled on 9th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of accused.

I identify Bhupendra Nath Rai Choudhury, Manmatha Nath Biswas, and this man I have seen. He is Ramapoda Mozumdar (shows Ramapoda Mukherji).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) BHUPATI CHARAN GHOSH.

The deposition of Ram Newaz Chakravarty, Witness No. 221, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 7th day of June 1910.

My name is Ram Newaz Chakravartty. My father's name is Ram Saran Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Jaughora, police-station Raniganj, zilla Burdwan I reside at present in mauza Dighapattia, police-station Nattore, zilla Rajshahi, where I am an assistant to the *pujaris* of the Dighapattia Rajbari at the temple of Prosonno Kali. My *basha* is near the temple. There is a godown and my *basha* is in it. I know Bijoy Chakravarty. He was a *farashkhana* clerk of the Raj. The *farashkaana* is about 1½ *rasis* from the godown. He used to stay in the office room. Sirish Sirkar used to come at times to see Bijoy. I can identify Sirish. I have seen other *chogras* going to see Bijoy besides Sirish. Once I saw a man with his head and neck covered and I asked who he was. He had a small pointed beard. He had long hair too. He would not say who he was or where he came from. I asked Bijoy and he said he was an *umedwar*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
7-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI RAM NEWAS CHAKRAVARTY (*in Bengali*).

Ram Newaz Chakrabarty, Prosecution Witness No. 221, recalled on 9th June 1910, on solemn affirmation in presence of some accused.

This man is Bijoy Babu (shows). This man is Sirish (shows Sirish Sirkar). I know none of the others. After some delay.

H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No Cross-examination*].

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI RAM NEWAS CHAKARBARTY (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Akhoy Kumar Mukerji, Witness No. 228, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

[In presence of Lolit and Sushil]

My name is Akhoy Kumar Mukerji. My father's name is Benode Kanta Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Senhati, police-station Khulna, zilla Khulna. I reside at present in mauza Nattore, police-station Nattore, zilla Rajshahi where I am a dealer in bricks and contractor. I make and sell bricks. Three or 4 years ago I went once to the house of Bidhu Biswas near Mirpur station at Beliasishi. The sister of Sirish (the son of Girish Doctor) married Jogendro, Bidhu's brother. I went there after that marriage. I was in partnership with Girish and had gone to Damukdia to get coal. I identify Sirish. I am uncertain but I think this man is Bidhu (shows Bidhu).

I have seen this man (Sushil Biswas is shown to him) before. I have seen him at his house and at Nattore at Sirish's house I am uncertain if I saw Bidhu at Nattore.

This man shows (Lalit Chakarbarty) is Lal Mohan Babu. He used to teach two little boys at Bhubaneshwar Singh's house. This was 7 or 8 months ago, before last *pujas*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6 10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd). SRI AKHAY KUMAR MUKERJI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in Bengali and admitted correct in presence of accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Bhubaneshwar Singh, Witness No. 223, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Bhubaneswar Singh. My father's name is Ratneswar Singh. I am by caste Tamli. My home is at mauza Anrai, police-station Nattore, zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present in Nattore, where I am a zamindar. I was at Nattore before last *puja* and there was one Lal Mohan Chowdhuri who was tutor to my children. This man (Lohit) is the man. My accounts show how long he worked. He was over a month with me. He got Rs. 10 a month. He (witness refers to his accounts) was appointed on 17th *Joistha* 1316. On 18th *Assar*, he was paid Rs. 5. On 21st *Assar* I paid on his account to Surendro Nath Sarkar Rs. 5. He was one of the men who introduced him. Sirish and Surendro had introduced him to me. This man (shows) is Sirish. He is son of Girish and Surendro is Girish's nephew. He was absent on 30th *Joistho*, and I see he was absent one day between the 4th and 9th of *Assar*. He was absent half a day on the 10th *Assar*. He was away on 20th *Assar*. On 23rd he was away (saying he was going to Sara). He returned on the evening of the 26th. On that day he left my service. This book is kept by me. The page I have referred to (Exhibit 125) is written by me except the faint writing at the bottom which is written by my clerk. I can't say for certain where Lal Mohon ate, and slept, but I saw him very often at Girish Doctor's. He used to come and teach my boys for an hour or two in the morning and again for an hour or two in the evening.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Sri Bhubaneswar Singh (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Ram Protap Beani, Witness No. 224, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Ram Protap Beani. My father's name is Sukdev Beani. I am by caste Baishya. My home is now at mauza Nattore, police-station Nattore, zilla Rajshahi, where I am a *mahajan*.

There was a *Ramkrishna Sevasram* at Nattore. It was located in my house and I got Rs. 5 per month rent for it. It was rented by Satis Sircar, brother of Romesh Doctor and Jiten Bose. It was there five months. I got rent for four months and not for one month. At the *Sevasram* the boys read the *Gita* in the evening. I know they did this on Sundays. They also gave rice to the poor. Sometimes it was closed for a few days and then was opened again. I identify Sirish Sircar as being one of the members of the *Sevasram*. I have seen this man (shows Bijoy Chakrabarty) going there. I do not know his name I have seen this man too (Lalit Chakrabarty) there. I have seen also Satis Sanyal there too, also other *badralok's* boys there too. I do not know their names.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI RAM PROTAP BEHNI (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Aul Chandra Biswas, Witness 225, aged about 48 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June, 1910.

My name is Aul Chandra Biswas. My father's name is Ram Lal Biswas. I am by caste Maheshya. My home is at mauza Beliasishi, police-station Mirpur, District Nadia, where I reside at present and where I am a jotdar and tahasildar of the Chitli zamindar.

I know Bidhu Biswas of Beliasishi (identifies him). I cannot say whether I know this boy (Lalit Mohon). There was a boy of the name of Lal Mohon in Bidhu's house about 1 year or 1½ year ago. I think this (Lolit) is the boy. It was last year in *Baishak* or *Jaista*, 1316. I saw him once or twice. I live near to Bidhu. Lal Mohon was a *bideshi chogra*. I also once saw him when he came with a Magistrate. I know Sirish Sirkar (identifies). I used to see him at Bidhu's, but have not seen there the last two years.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI AUL CHANDRA BISWAS (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Birendra Nath Rai, Witness No. 226, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Birendra Nath Rai. My father's name is Bhowani Nath Rai. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chitli, police-station Mirpur, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, where I am a zamindar.

Beliasishi in an adjacent village to Chitli. I know Bidhu of Beliasishi and Sirish Sirkar (identifies). I saw them in the village of Chitli last year and at Mirpur Railway station. I saw them after getting out of the train. Where they had came from I cannot say. This was at the end of *Sraban* or beginning of *Bhadro* last year. I was in my own boat at the Mirpur *ghát* and I saw them when they came to the *ghát*. I had come there to go to Pabna, but had missed my train and was preparing to go back home. That time they came up, probably looking for a boat. I told them they could come back with me and they did so.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) BIRENDRA NATH ROY.

READ over to witness in presence of accussed and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Piari Lal Biswas, Witness No. 227, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Piari Lal Biswas. My father's name is Hari Charan Biswas. I am by caste Maheshya. My home is at mauza Beliasishi, police-station Mirpore, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in mauza , police-station , Zilla , where I am in the employ of the Chitli zamindar. I identify Bidhu Bhusan Biswas. Many people go to his house at times. I cannot identify this man (Lolit Mohan Chakraberty). I remember I saw a *chogra*, Lal Mohan, there once. It was over a year ago. I had no talk to Bidhu, about him. I asked in the house who the *chogra* was and was told he was Lal Mohan and he read with Bidhu. I know Sushil Biswas (identifies him). I identify Sirish Sirkar. I identify none others of those present here. I have seen Sirish and Sushil in Bidhu's house often. I cannot say if Lal Mohan was there then.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI PEARY LAL BISWAS (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted corect.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Jamini Karmakar, Witness No. 228, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Jamini Karmakar. My father's name is Ram Kumar Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home in at mauza Lohaghar, police-station Bikrampore, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present in mauza Dighapatia, police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am a goldsmith.

I identify Bijoy Chakraberty. He came to my shop last year in *Asar* on the 3rd, bringing a sample piece of gold for assay. I told him it was Rs. 21 *per bhari* in value. He asked whether I could buy it and I said I could. I asked how many *bharis* he had to sell and he said about 20 *bharis*. He agreed he could take Rs. 20 per *bhari* for it. He said the gold was at Girish Doctor's house and a relative of his wished to sell it.

The next day I finished my meal at midday. Girish's son—Sirish (who I think is this man—shows Sirish) and Bijoy and one Lal Mohan Chowdhuri who was a thin slim youth (like this man—shows Lolit Mohan) came, and Lal Mohan brought the melted gold from his money bag and I weighed and tested it. There was 20 *bharis* 5½ annas. I then paid about Rs. 405 (exact amount is in my *khata*) to them all for it. Lal Mohan put the money in his pocket. This is the *khata* book. It was taken away by the Magistrate *Saheb* from my shop in my absence. I write it myself and the entries are correct. Two of the notes I paid were numbered notes. I did not take down the numbers as Bijoy was there and he is an officer of the Dighapatia Raj. (Shows exhibit 126.)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) SRI JAMINI KANTA KARMAKAR (*in Bengali*)

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Koilash Bhuimali, Witness No. 229, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Koilash Bhuimali. My father's name is Keshab Ch. Paramanik. I am by caste Bhuimali My home is at mauza Beliasishi, police-station Mirpore, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, and where I am the village Chowkidar.

I seem to know this man (Lolit). I think I have seen him at Beliasishi at the Dewan's house. The Dewan is father of Sushil Biswas and uncle of Bidhu. This was about a year ago. Bidhu's uncle was alive then. He has died since. I identify Bidhu and Sushil. When I saw Lolit he had a dirty *chaddar* and dirty and torn shirt. Besides him I saw no other *bideshi chokras* at Bidhu's. I identify Sirish Sirkar. I see him once or twice a year when he comes to see his sister who is sister-in-law of Bidhu, but not when Lolit was there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Nripendra Narain Ray, Witness No. 230, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Nripendra Narain Ray. My father's name is Gopalendra Narain Ray. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Putia, police-station Putia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present and where I am a minor zamindar under the Court of Wards. I used to read at the Rajshahi Technical School in 1907. My father had an old gun. He had many guns. This (Exhibit XXIII) was one of the guns. I know it as I had the right side hammer repaired. I sold it to Jharu Bagchi of Rajshahi for Rs. 5, while I was reading at the Technical School, probably in 1907. Jharu Bagchi is the son of a pleader, I think. He used to come at times to the school. I told the District Magistrate a year and-a-half afterwards that I have sold the gun.

I know Manmatha Biswas, Gonesh Das and Bidhu Biswas. Gonesh is very like Bidhu. I identify Manmatha and this man (shows Bidhu) is like Bidhu. Manmatha learnt in the Technical School. I used to see Bidhu there frequently with Manmatha, but I cannot say if he read there. I saw Jharu too with Manmatha, Bidhu, Gonesh. Jharu and Manmatha used to go about together. I have seen them frequently.

(Sd.,) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) NRIPENDRA NARAIN RAY.

The deposition of P. K. Burdhan, Witness No. 231, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Piari Kumar Burdhan. My father's name is Isher Chandra Burdhan. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chandipur, police-station Kasbah, Zilla Tipperah. I reside at present at Nattore, police-station , Zilla Rajshahi, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I went to Bhubhaneswar Singh at Nattore and took his statement and took possession of this *khata* on the 31st May (Exhibit 125). I identify my signature on the exhibit.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) P. K. BURDHAN.
S.-I.

P. K. Burdhan, Prosecution Witness No. 231, recalled on 11th July 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the house of Bijoy Chakravarty on 24th May 1910. I prepared a search list. This is it (Exhibit 306).

I found this [Exhibit 306(1)].—"A Romance in real life;"
this [Exhibit 306(2)]—portrait of Tilak and a song;
this paper [Exhibit 306(3)]—*Probashi*;
this account of Arabindo's birthday celebration [Exhibit 306(4)];
this receipt [Exhibit 306(5)];
and this post-card [Exhibit 306(6) ;
and these papers [Exhibit 306(7)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) P. K. BURDHAN,
S-I.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Mr. Prike, Witness No. 232, aged , years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Frederick Bartar Prike. I reside at present in mauza Calcutta, police-station , zilla , where I am acting manager of Messrs. Rodda & Co., gun makers, of Wellesley Place. Mr. Tegart came to our place of business on the night of the murder of Shamsul Alum. He had two or three European gentleman with him. He produced a revolver and two cartridges—one of which I know was empty. The original number on the outside side of the flat had been mutilated. So I opened the revolver and found the number inside the frame. This is the same number as was originally outside. In a revolver the number of it is stamped in several places on the different parts. I found the number of this revolver to be 6608, Webley, mark 3·, ·38 bore, with the name of R. B. Rodda & Co. on the barrel. The same evening in Mr. Tegart's presence I traced to whom it was sold. It was sold to one Purna Chandra Moulik, a Deputy Magistrate. The book is produced. It was sold on 25th July 1902. Mr. Halliday signed the entry. I joined the firm in 1903. The man who wrote the entry was in the firm then and is not now. I know his writing.

I produce the voucher (Exhibit 127), which he signed and a letter received from him reporting the loss of the same (Exhibit 128), also the Police notice of the loss (Exhibit 129). We informed Babu Purno Ch. Moulik of the number of the revolver which was lost on the 24th December.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H P. Duval.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) F. B. Prike.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Jiban Krista Ganguly, Witness No. 233, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Jiban Krista Ganguli. My father's name is Haran Ch. Ganguli. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Bag Bazar, Calcutta, where I am cashier, R. Rodda & Co. I have been cashier for six years— from 1903 or 1904. I was ledger-keeper before. I used to keep the Police sale register. This I did for five or six years. I made this entry (Exhibit 130) of 25th July 1902, of the sale of one revolver and 50 cartridges. This book is written up daily. The number is 6608 The entry in the day book was written by Kalidas Banerji, who is now on pension. I entered the Exhibit 130 from the day book.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

9-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval

9-6-10.

(Sd) Jibun Krishna Gangooly.

The deposition of Major G. Y. C. Hunter, I.M.S., Witness No. 234, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is G. Y. C. Hunter. I reside at Calcutta where I am Superintendent, Presidency Jail.

I remember Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta. He was received as a condemned prisoner on 27th January and was executed on morning of 21st February under a warrant from the High Court. I forwarded several petitions of his for mercy. On the morning of 19th February I saw him and he said he wished to make a statement before Mr. Swinhoe and he wanted to see him He wrote the letter and a typed copy was made which he signed. I forwarded the letter about 10-30 and the Magistrate came about 11-30. He left about 1-20. I had to superintend the execution of Birendra, and was present at it.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

(Sd.) G. Y. C. Hunter.
Major, I.M.S., Superintendent, Presidency Jail.

Major Hunter, Prosecution Witness No. 234, recalled on 10th June 1910, on oath.

Birendra had applied for reprieve of his sentence. His petition to the Governor-General was forwarded on the 16th February. I got the notification of its rejection late on the 18th after I had seen him in the ordinary way. I think I did not give him the information of ultimate rejection till the morning of the 19th. I informed him personally. He took it in a stoical way, but he asked to write to Mr. Swinhoe.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) G. Y. C. Hunter.
Major, I.M.S.

The deposition of Rai Purna Chandra Moulik, Bahadur, Witness No. 235, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Poran Mosumdar.

My name is Purna Chandra Moulik. I reside at present in Mauza Jajpur, Police-Station Jajpur, Zilla Cuttack, where I am Subdivisional Officer. I know Babu Kisori Lal Sirkar. He is my cousin-in-law. I came to Calcutta on the 14th December last to see Mr. Duke and Mr. LeMesurier in connection with an appointment for my son-in-law. I stayed at Kisori Babu's house—121, Cornwallis Street. I saw Mr. Duke and Mr. LeMesurier the day after my arrival. I stayed up till 19th with Kisori Babu. I had a six-chambered Webley's revolver enamelled, with a leather cover. I kept it in a hand bag of mine where I usually kept it. The bag was not locked, as some time ago I lost the key. I purchased the revolver from Messrs. Rodda & Co. in 1902. I had stayed with Kisori Babu before, and I generally had the revolver with me. In December I purchased some cartridges about the 17th from Ashutosh Daw & Co. of Chandni I took the revolver with me in the bag and I had an old cartridge by comparing which I bought the new cartridges. The revolver is ·380 bore. On the 19th I returned from Calcutta. I thought I took my revolver with me. I distinctly saw my revolver on the 17th. I think, too, I saw on the 19th among my things while my things were being sorted. My chaprassi sorted my things. Kisori Babu was present. My bag was being sorted in the *baitakkhana* where I had slept. In it there also slept my uncle, Hari Nath Moulik and Poran. This man is Poran (identifies). He has been living in Kishori Babu's house and he did printing work for Kisori Babu. I have seen him for the last two or three years at Kishori Babu's. In the evening I left by the Madras mail. My chaprassi and Poran went with me to the station. Poran was the only one who went from the house to see me off. In the *tikca ghari* the bag was by my side. In the train I kept it under my reserved berth. I travelled second class. There were two persons who travelled all along with me, one going to Puri and one to Cuttack. One was a Deputy Collector, going on leave—Rai Durga Prosad Bahadur. Other two or three persons were sitting in the carriage before the train started. So far as I remember, on arrival at the station I took the bag with me and went to see where my reserved berth was. I then came to get a ticket for my servant and then I asked Poran and the chaprassi to follow with my luggage. They did so and I then put the bag under the reserved berth. I did not open the bag at the station or during the journey. On the 20th I arrived at Jajpur. I opened the bag on the 21st and found the revolver missing. I had kept it in my bungalow till then. It had come with the peon from the station to my house at Jajpur.

In the *baitakkhana* the bag had been kept on a bench where I kept my luggage side by side. On finding the loss of the revolver, I wrote immediately to Messrs. Rodda & Co. for the number and waited two days. Then seeing a letter did not come, I wrote to the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, and the Traffic Manager of the railway. This (Exhibit 131) is the letter to the Commissioner. I got a letter from Messrs. Rodda & Co. giving the number, the day after I wrote to the Commissioner.

This (Exhibit 128) is the letter I wrote to Messrs. Rodda & Co. This is my signature on the voucher [Exhibit 127 (a)]. Messrs Rodda in their reply gave me the number of the revolver. This is their letter [(Exhibit 132).] I saw one revolver in the house of the Commissioner of Police one night on the 26th January last which was like mine. I had orders to come and see Mr. Duke and he was living with the Commissioner of Police then. I saw it when I went to call on Mr. Duke. A C.I.D. Inspector came to Jajpur on 28th or 29th January and took my statement. I was also questioned on the 26th by the Commissioner of Police and Messrs. Denham and Daly. I was present at the time Poran was arrested and my cousin-in-law's house searched. This was on the night of the 26th.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Purna Chandra Maulik.

9-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Samuel Charles Aldridge, Witness No. 236, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Poran Mozumdar and Jotindra Nath Mukerji.

My name is Samuel Charles Aldridge. I reside at present in Mauza 32, Bow Bazar Street, Zilla Calcutta, where I am Superintendent, Calcutta Police, 2nd division of the Town.

I arrested this accused (Poran Mozumdar). I searched No. 121, Cornwallis Street, where he resided. It was in a vakil's house under a warrant. Nothing of importance was found. Poran was arrested as the revolver with which Shamsul Alam was murdered was traced to a Deputy Magistrate who had stayed at this house and Poran's name had transpired. This is the gentleman (identifies Rai P. C. Maulik Bahadur).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) S. C. ALDRIDGE.
9-6-10.

Mr. S. C. Aldridge, Prosecution Witness No. 236, on oath on 11th July 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I searched the house of Akhoy Das at No. 4 Shama Charan Das' Lane, on 30th October 1909 I prepared a search list. This is it (Exhibit 309). Akhoy is father of Soilen Das.

I found several empty canisters and exploded cartridges, found in different places as stated in the list (LXXVIII).

There was also a gun in a case which Akhoy claimed (LXXIX). I also got this book—*Rande Mataram* [Exhibit 309(1)] and these [309(2)]

All except the gun were found in the room which Akhoy stated was his son Soilendra's room.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) S C. ALDRIDGE.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Mr. Creagan, Witness No. 237, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In the presence of Jotindra Nath Mukherji and Puran Mozumdar.

My name is Richard Creagan. I reside at present in Mauza 148, Baranashi Ghose's Street, Calcutta, where I am Superintendent of Police, 1st Division of the Town. I searched No. 275, Upper Chitpore Road—the house of Jotindra Nath Mukherji—this accused. This is the search list. I have initialled each page (Exhibit 34). I also arrested Jotindra Nath Mukherji.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over, correct.

(Sd.) R. Creagan.
9-6-10.

Mr. Creagan, Prosecution Witness No. 237, recalled on 23rd June 1910, on oath.

I searched 48, Grey Street under a warrant which was endorsed over to me by the Commissioner of Police. It was handed to me on 1st May 1908 The house was that of Arabindo Ghose, accused in the Alipore Bomb case. Mr. Clark and I on arrival at the house at about half past 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning of the 2nd of May (Mr. Clark was then Superintendent of Police, 24-Parganas) went up stairs, and Arabindo Ghose was found in one of the rooms. I arrested him. A few minutes after our arrival upstairs Inspector Gupta, who was one of the officers with me, brought upstairs Abinash Chandra Bhattacharyya and Sailendra Nath Bose. I had orders to arrest them and I did so. I then searched the premises. This is the list (Exhibit 175). There were two witnesses to the search who also signed. I had the papers and other things seized, placed before the Magistrate and obtained a remand order for the custody of the documents for examination. I brought the documents to my house—148, Baranashi Ghosh's Street, where my office is. On 11th May I produced them before Mr. Denham who examined items 1 to 10 in my presence, and I then took them back and kept the rest with Inspector Gupta for Mr. Denham's examination. As far as I remember those I left, I got back on the 13th. All the Exhibits then remained with me till I produced them before Mr. Birley at Alipore. This (Exhibit 176) was found. It is in the list—No. 3(*c*). It bears my signature and that of the search witnesses. It was found in a box of Abinash Bhattacharyya who said he was manager of the *Navasakti*, in a room in 48, Grey Street, on the ground floor, which room was the office of the *Navasakti*.

This (Exhibit 177) was found in the manager's (Abinash's) box in the same room.

This (Exhibit 178) was also found in one of the rooms on the ground floor, in a room just as one entered, on the right of the passage and used as an office.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by me. Correct.

R. Creagan.
23-6-10.

The deposition of M. J. Lyons, Witness No. 238, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Poran Mozumdar and Jotin Mukherji.

My name is Michael Joseph Lyons. I reside at Calcutta, where I am Inspector in charge of Waterloo Police-Station. I remember the murder of Moulvi Shamsul Alum. I enquired in connection with that case. He was shot in the corridor of the High Court which is within my Police-station. I got information of the murder at 6 P.M. on the 24th January. The accused, Birendra Nath Dutta Gupta was brought to my police-station in custody by Sergeant Green of the Reserve Force and other native police-officers. A six-chambered Webley revolver was also brought. I went to the High Court to take up the investigation. There I found the body of Deputy Superintendent, Shamsul Alum. He had a gun-shot wound in his back and also one in his chest. He was dead and Doctor Whitelaw who was there, had attended to him. Dr. Whitelaw and I searched the clothes of the deceased and he found a spent bullet in the front part of the clothes of the deceased. He made over the bullet to my custody, which I exhibited in the course of the trial. Later on I received from Mr. Tegart, Deputy Commissioner, the revolver which had been left at the police-station, with four loaded cartridges of ·380 bore and two spent cases. These I exhibited at the murder trial. The body was removed to the *morgue* for *post mortem*. A Coroner's inquest was held.

I searched the house of Anath Nath Chatterji in Beniatola Street and arrested him I had orders to arrest his uncle but I did not arrest him as he was suffering from asthma and heart disease. His name is Kunja Behari Chakravarty. He lives in the same house as Anath. I searched the houses in consequence of information received from Birendra, the murderer, on a search warrant issued by the Magistrate. If I remember, Kunjo told me this Jotin, accused, was some relation of theirs, and he visited their house, when Birendra was nursing Kunja Behari Chakravarty, and that he (Jotin) assisted in the nursing. I was present at the trial of Birendra. He was sentenced in my presence to capital punishment. He was found guilty unanimously by the jury.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over and found correct.

(Sd.) Michael J. Lyons.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Mulcahy, Witness No. 239, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is William Mulcahy. I reside at present in Calcutta where I am Inspector, Arms Act Department, Calcutta Police.

I received this letter (Exhibit 131) from the Commissioner of Police in course of business to take action on. I issued a memo to all thanas and dealers under orders of the Deputy Commissioner, and informed the Special Branch. This (Exhibit 129) is the printed notification.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over found correct.

(Sd.) W. Mulcahy.
Inspector, Arms Act.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Sergeant Green, Witness No. 240, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Poran and Jatindra N. Mukerji.

My name is William George Green. I reside at present in Calcutta where I am in the Reserve Force, Calcutta Police.

On 24th January last I was on duty at the new wing of the High Court up to after 5 P M. We leave after the Judges leave. Just after 5 P.M. I heard the noise in Old Post Office Street and saw a native running towards Hastings Street with 3 or 4 after him. I was then inside the entrance to the new wing downstairs. The gate was open. One Judge had already gone. I ran after them. I caught them up about 500 yards from the new wing in Old Post Office Street. I found a man struggling in the arms of a durwan of the High Court, a parawalla and a Calcutta Armed Police. A bystander said he had a revolver and I went up and snatched it away from him. On the way to the station I took a knife and 2 or 3 cartridges off his person. I gave the revolver, knife and cartridges to Deputy Commissioner Mr. Tegart. Inspector Lyons took charge of the accused That accused was tried by the High Court and sentenced to be hung. I gave evidence at his trial.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over and found correct.

(Sd.) Sergt. W. G. Green.
Calcutta Police.

The deposition of Baneswar Das, Witness No. 241, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oaths Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Poran Mazumdar and Jatin Mukerji.

My name is Baneswar Das. My father's name is Sonyasi Das I am by caste Koran. My home is at Mauza Aknamandpur, Police-Station Ramnagar, Zilla Midnapore, where I am a day-labourer.

I used to work at 275, Upper Chitpore Road, where my master was Hemanta Babu. He is a doctor. I know this man. He is Jotin Babu. He lived in the same house as the doctor. I was with the doctor 16 or 17 years In *Asar* last I went home and there I got rheumatism, and my father died and I was unable to return to work. Hemanta has three brothers—Durga Charan Babu, Anathbandhu Babu and Lalit Babu. While I was there, he left this house and took a house in Beniatola. He is manager of the Maharaja of Kristnagar. Lalit Babu lives at Kristnagar. I hear he is a pleader there. Kunja Mohon Chakravarty is the *mamato bhai* of Hemanta Babu. He used to live with Hemanta and then went to live at Bag Bazar.

I was usually in the cookhouse, so did not know who used to come and see Jotin or Hemanta Babu. I cannot identify this man (Poran).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Kamini Bera, Witness No. 242, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Jatin Mukerji and Puran.

My name is Kamini. My father's name is Goma Cnand. I am by caste Koibarta. My home is at Mauza Chirakole, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Sovabazar' Calcutta, where I am unemployed. I was 2 months servant of Kunja Babu in Sornagomanga (*i.e.*, Beniatola Street). He was a Brahmin. There was another Babu who was always called "Nor" Babu. I do not know Hemanta Babu. I do not know this man (Jotin). My Babu got ill. He came back from office and complained of a pain in the chest. He was 2 months ill. His father, wife and mother used to nurse him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct

(Sd.) H. P. D.

The deposition of Ramdhani Kahar, Witness No. 243, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

My name is Ramdhani Kahar. My father's name is Siv Naran Kahar. I am by caste Kahar. My home is at Mauza Kutgun, Police-Station Shahpur, Zilla Arrah. I reside at present at Calcutta where I am a durwan of the High Court. I remember on the 24th January there was a *hala*. I heard cries of *gulimara, gulimara, ab admi bhag jaita*. I was on duty at the time at the new gate. A man was running. I ran after him and seized him from behind. The sergeant who gave evidence came up, and he took the pistol out of his hand. We then all took the man to Mr. Hechle who told us to take him to the thana. I gave evidence in the High Court.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
9-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. D.
9-6-10.

The deposition of Abdul Rassak, Witness No. 244, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 9th day of June 1910.

In presence of Jatindra Mukerji and Puran Mazumdar.

My name is Abdul Rassak. My father's name is Rohim Bux I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Delhi. I reside at present in Mauza 150, Upper Chitpore Road, Calcutta, where I am spectacle merchant. There was a search at 275, Upper Circular Road in my presence and I signed articles found and the list. Some papers were put in a box and sealed up Afterwards the seal was broken open in my presence. [Identifies his signature on Exhibits 34 and 35 items—Exhibits 34 (*a*) and 35 (*a*)].

[Identifies signature on 34 (1) on each page]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

9-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

The deposition of Mr. Swinhoe, Witness No. 245, aged years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Dawes Swinhoe. I reside at present at Calcutta where I am Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta, officiating. I held an enquiry into the murder of Shamsul Alum by Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta. I committed it to the High Court Sessions on 28th January last He was sentenced to be hanged. I received a letter from Major Hunter on 19th February enclosing a letter from Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta. I produce them (Exhibits 133 and 134). On receipt of the letter I went down to the Jail and saw Birendra the same day. I saw him. He had a long talk with me and said he wanted to make statement. I then sat down and wrote out the statement he made to me. This is the statement (Exhibit 135). On that statement I issued a warrant on Jotindra Nath Mukherji under sections 302 and 109, Indian Penal Code, for the 21st. The statement was taken down in English, word for word as he gave it He had a written statement with him at the time to which he constantly referred. I also ordered a production warrant against Birendra on the 21st. It was brought to my notice that Birendra was to be executed on the 21st. So I fixed the enquiry at the Jail on Sunday, the 20th.

On 20th Counsel for Jotindra was present. Jotindra was already in Jail before my issue of warrant. It was about 11 A.M. on 20th. I held my Court and Mr. J N. Roy and Jotindra were present. Birendra was brought in and he was examined by Mr. Hume on oath before me. Birendra then made this statement (Exhibit 136). It was read over to him in the presence of accused and in my presence and he admitted its correctness. After I had examined Birendra, I turned to accused's counsel and asked him to cross-examine. He said he was not prepared to do so as he was taken by surprise. I then said I would adjourn the case for an hour or two to let him consult with his client and prepare himself. The case was adjourned and the case called on again about 4 P M. I asked Mr Roy to cross-examine; he asked to be permitted to reserve his cross-examination and I said he could not. He then declined to cross-examine. I noted the fact and adjourned the case to the 7th March.

This was an enquiry under the Code of Criminal Procedure, not under the Special Act. I held the statement he made on the Saturday as one on which I could proceed under sec. 190(c). This being purely an enquiry, I did not warn him that he was entitled to a transfer under section 191, as it was not necessary. This is the order sheet showing that Mr. J. N. Roy refused to cross-examine (Exhibit 137).

As to the note at the end of the evidence of Birendra, I should have put the words "he" instead of "I" before "should have been satisfied." In this note I was recording the statement made by Mr. Roy and where "I" and "me" occur "I" and "me" means Mr. Rai.

When I saw Birendra on Saturday, he was repentant and said he was very sorry for what occurred.

(Sd.) H P. Duval.

Read over and found correct.

(Sd.) D. Swinhoe.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Tegart, Witness No. 246, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oaths Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Charles Augustus Tegart. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am Deputy Commissioner of Police, Calcutta. I made enquiries as to the murder of Shamsul Alum in the High Court. I went in connection with the murder to the Waterloo Street thana. I questioned the accused and took charge of the revolver with which the murder had been committed. This was on the 24th January between 6 and 7 P.M. about 1½ hours after the murder. Sergeant Green of the Calcutta Police gave me this revolver. I took the revolver round to Messrs. Rodda & Co., the Gun Makers, about 7 P.M. that evening. Mr. Prike of Rodda's stripped the revolver in my presence to find the number, as the number outside had been erased. The number was discovered on the plate of the butt. It was 6608. This is the revolver (Exhibit XLIV). There were two exploded and two unexploded cartridges then. They are not in the revolver now. I was shown the entry showing the sale of this revolver. No two revolvers would have the same number if of the same make. This is a Webley revolver. Mr. Halliday came there too. He is now in England. I know his writing. This is the entry with Mr. Halliday's initials [138 and 138(*a*)]. That evening I searched a house, 61, Mirzapore Street. It is a mess. I did this as accused said he was living there. I found nothing.

On the night of the 26th January 3 other houses were searched. I was present at each search—the house of Dr Hemanta Chatterji, 275, Upper Chitpore Road, 59, Beniatolla Street—house of Anath Bandhu Chatterji and Kunja Chakravarty and 121, Cornwallis Street, where Paran Mozumdar was living I could identify Paran and Anath. I am not sure if I could identify Hemanta or Kunja. I also searched 48, Beadon Street on the 27th January. One Gnanendra Nath Mittra lived there. I had the following arrested—Jotin Mukherji, at 275, Upper Chitpur Road, Anath Baudhu Chatterji, at 59, Beniatolla Street, and Paran Mozumdar and Gnanendra Nath Mitter under section 54, Criminal Procedure Code, as I suspected their complicity in the murder of Shamsul Alum. Anath and Gnanendra were released on bail by the Commissioner of Police and finally discharged. I caused search for one Satis Chandra Sirkar, son of Gauranga Chandra Sirkar, of Astaminecha village, Chatmaha thana, Pabna district. Every effort to trace him has failed. All the searches and arrests were reported in due course to the Commissioner of Police.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
10-6-10.

(Sd.) C. TEGART.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Surjan Singh, Witness No. 247, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Surjan Singh. My father's name is Uduri Singh. I am by caste Jat. My home is at Mauza Meheran, Zilla Rahtak. I reside at present at Alipur new jail where I am a convict I was formerly in the 10th Jats which was stationed at Alipore. Before it came here, the regiment was at Buxa Duars. The regiment came here about two years ago.

I remember once I was on sentry duty near the road It was slightly raining and my orders were none should come into the lines. Two Bengalis came up and began to ask "Why are you standing here?" I said "I am the sentry." I said I was to prevent people coming into the lines They then said. "It is raining and you are getting wet and have trouble. What pay do you get?" I said "We begin at Rs 12 or Rs. 13." They said "Then you will not allow any one to go into the lines?" and I said. "No, I will not." A man in barrack near by called out "Surjan Singh, who is there talking?" I said "2 Bengalis are making *jigra* with me" The Bengalis hearing the man began to write something on a piece of paper They went off. Once too I was on duty at the *dafter* of the Governor-General in Calcutta as an orderly. I was returning from there and at the race course I saw some Bengalis sitting talking. They said to me "You are a Sepahi? Where are you going?" I was hungry and so I did not reply but went on. When I was in the lines I used to go to bazar at Kidderpore. There was a shop there belonging to the man who has given evidence - Bhagwan Das. I talked to him at times A Brahmin (Bengali) used to work in that shop. He called me there. He told me he was going to resign and go elsewhere as his present occupation was no good.

Again one day he came to the lines and took me and Ram Golam. He took us across to this side of the river. It was night about 10 P.M. We had no leave. We were taken to a house where we found the gate shut and we stood there Two other Bengalis came. The gate was opened and *chirags* lit We sat inside the house I do not recollect who, but one man said "Do you want the good of your country?" I said "Every one wants that. Who seeks its injury?" Then he brought a big knife and held it out and told me to touch it. He brought some sweets for us to eat. Then the door was shut and they then went off. Before going they wrote something. They had asked—if asked, will you give assistance. I said what assistance can I give. They said we will give money for your assistance. Then I said I could assist. They put out the lights and went away shutting the door. We were in great fear that we might be murdered. I said I was going to the lines but they said I was to stay the whole night. At 3 A.M. in the morning the men who had brought us across the river opened the door and took us back to Alipore.

The man who had taken us across the river came one day. I had gone for a walk and was at this Doctor Babu's house (shows Sarat). He gave me Rs. 50 saying I would assist him. I had been at times before to the Doctor Babu's. I had first been taken there by the Bengali Brahmin who worked in the jeweller's shop. He said he lived at the Doctor Babu's.

Afterwards I came to know that he had given Rs. 50 for getting assistance to fight against the Sirkar. I refused to do that. He then demanded the Rs. 50 back but I had spent it and could not give it him.

One day the Doctor Babu told me that people had been arrested at Patiala and 25,000 rupees had been sent there to assist them. He did not say who sent it.

I only once came to the house on this side of the river. I showed it to the hakim afterwards. I cannot identify the people whose house it was When I was at the house on that night a man came in from outside bringing 3 or 4 cartridges and told me they had been made in the country. The man who took me to Howrah asked me to cut my name but I refused.

I identify the doctor and his *bhais* (Sarat and Suresh Mitra). I identify this man (Lalit). He used to live at Sarat Doctor's

I have been to the doctor's with Chunai. The name of the man I know is Narain. None except that Babu gave me any money. I went home on leave in the rains last year. That Narain went with me too. He went to my house He stayed about a day there, and he went on by train from Kheron station.

Docter Babu once told me that Hindus, Muhammadans and Christians would be united, to fight the English and benefit the country. He wanted my help for this purpose.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) SURJAN (*in Hindi*).

The deposition of Apurba Kristna Singh, Witness No. 248, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Apurba Kristna Singh. I am clerk, Alipore Collectorate Mr. Bompas is not in India. I know his writing. I produce this statement recorded by him (Exhibit 139).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Apurba Krisna Singha.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Baldwin, Witness No. 249, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Eric Samuel Baldwin. I reside at present in Calcutta, No. 49, Elliot Road, where I am Deputy Magistrate at Alipore.

I received a written order from Mr. Bompas to see Mr. Denham regarding the verification of a statement by a Sapahi of the Jat regiment. I saw Mr. Denham the next morning. He gave me a statement taken by Mr. Bompas of one Surjan Singh to read over. This is it (Exhibit No. 139).

After that on the same day (it was on Sunday) I got charge of the Sepahi. This is the man (shows Surjan Singh).

We went in a carriage to No. 45-2, Watgunge Road and he pointed out a shop there which was a sort of jeweller's shop. From there we went to No. 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road He showed me the way. This house was a sort of dispensary downstairs and living rooms above.

He took me to Watgunge Ghât on the 25th January. Thence we took a boat and we plied up and down the river to find a spot where he had landed. He failed to recognise a spot so I brought him back to the Jail that day.

Two days after we came across the river and landed at Sibpur Ghât. There we got into a carriage with an Inspector of Police and then we got out at the corner of a lane leading to Choudhuripara. The Inspector, after I had described the building referred to by Surjan told us to get down there. We got down. We got down and went down the lane. When we got near a tree, with cement round it and a tank to the west of it about 20 yards off, Surjan of his own accord said "this is the tree and this is the house near it". We went to the house. It was locked up. It is No. 14, Choudhuripara. I did not enquire who it belonged to. We then came back.

I also held an identification parade on 24th January at the Alipore Central Jail. Surjan was brought from his cell to the School-room building of the Alipore Jail. He and I stood behind a door covered by wire-netting which overlooked the compound. Fourteen persons were brought up—one at a time between four to six other under-trial prisoners, similarly dressed. They faced the window. He identified only Suresh Chandra Mitra and Sarat Chandra Mitter. Lalit was not there. I reported this identification to Mr. Denham.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Correct.

(Sd.) E. S. BALDWIN.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Ram Gopal, Witness No. 250, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Ram Gopal. My father's name is Tez Ram. I am by caste Jat. My home is at Mauza Chara, Police-station Sampta, Zilla Rohtak, where I reside at present, where I am a cultivator. I was formerly in a regiment, the 10th Jats, and I cut my name about two years ago. My number was 1599. I joined the regiment in 1901 and left in 1908, when the regiment was at Alipore. I know Shroff's shop at Watgunge. Ornaments were sold there. I went there once, I remember. I went and sat there. There was an *akra* near this shop. There Bengali *chogras* used to go. I never showed them any gymnastics. They used to wrestle and do athletic exercise there. I only went there twice. I do not know of any *bhajan* being held there for the Humad ceremony.

Rambux Havildar was in our regiment. I know him.

I went to the house of a Babu near the Kidderpore Bridge where there was a dispensary. This is the Babu (identifies Sarat). I went once with Surjan Singh by boat to Shibpore with a Bengali. We went to a house there to which the Bengali took us. After we were inside the house, Surjan and I were separated. I sat on a bed. Surjan was in a separate room. I saw the two Babus to whom the house belonged. I think one was this (shows Bhutan Mukherji). It is two years ago. I had something to eat. I had no talk with any one. The room was closed. I went to sleep. We returned about 4 A.M., to the lines. I saw at the Doctor's house two or three Babus, but I cannot recognise them. Surjan Singh took me to the doctor's. There was a Bengali with us too. It was the same Babu as took us to Shibpur. I never had any conversation with the doctor. I used to act as orderly in the regimental hospital. That Babu came there once to see Surjan when he was ill.

Cross-examined.—No one pointed out the accused, I have mentioned, to me to-day before I gave my evidence.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) RAM GOPAL (*in Hindi.*)

The deposition of Hari Mohan Banerji, Witness No. 251, aged about 19 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Hari Mohon Banerji. My father's name is Kalidas Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Panihati, Police-station Sodpur, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present. I am despatcher, Messrs. Rodda and Company. My father lives at Panihati. He is very old, cannot see well and cannot walk much. He is about 75 years old. He was formerly in Messrs. Rofida and Son. He gets pension. I take it for him. I know his writing. This (Exhibit 138) is in his handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Hari Mohan Banerji

The deposition of Durga Das, Witness No. 252, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Durga Das My father's name is Beli Singh. I am by caste Alubalia. My home is at Mauza Rahan, Police-station Rahan, Zilla Jullundar. I reside at present at Lahore where I am a typist in the Traffic Superintendent's office (North Western Railway). I stay at Lahore inside the Bhati Gate. Before that I lived in the *Vaishu Asram*, a vegetarian hotel in Anarkali. There I came to know two Bengali gentlemen, I. C Chakravartty and another. I took down their names and addresses. They are Narendra Nath Chatterji, who gave his address at 86-1, Diamond Harbour Road, Kidderpore, Calcutta, and I. C. Bhattacharji, of Kalibari, Bhusa Mundir, Rawalpindi and of Ariadaha, 24-Parganas. This paper is a leaf out of my diary book which I took out of my diary and made a note on when I gave it to the police officer. I. C. Bhattacharji had a room near mine. They were there about 15 days. One was in search of a job and he went on to Rawalpindi in search of employment The other, Naren, opened a painting shop. I saw he painted a beautiful picture of a European lady and a sign board and another board which he mortgaged to Ghedi Lal. He had the business about 15 days. They both left the same evening together. This (Monilal Banerji), is the police-officer to whom I handed over the paper (Exhibit 138.)

Exhibit 140.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) DURGA DAS.

The deposition of Chedi Lal, Witness No. 253, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Chedi Lal. My father's name is Bux Ram. I am by caste Gour Brahmin. I reside at present at Lahore where I am a sign-board painter. I met one Bengali, Naren Chatterji. There is an *Arya Samaj* at Lahore. He stayed there. He came one day from the *Arya Samaj* to my shop. It is near my shop. He told me he was a painter and said he would take a shop in the Paisa Akbar Street. He had his shop there for 15 or 16 days. This was about a year ago. He came to me and said he had no money. He asked me to take over a sign-board for Rs. 2, but I had not the money, so he took the money from Durga Das who brought him to the shop and with whom he lived at the *Vaisya Asram*. I kept the sign-board and 8 days after I gave Rs. 2 to Durga Das.

He wrote his address for me on a slip of paper, in case I wanted to write to him. He wrote it in my presence. This is it. I handed it over to this officer (Khosal Chand).

Exhibit No. 141.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Chedi Lal.

The deposition of Khusal Chand, Witness No. 254, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Daval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Khusal Chand. My father's name is Joula Das. I am by caste Khetri. My home is at Gurjanwalla. I reside at present at Lahore, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police, Punjab Criminal Investigation Department. I know Babu Monindra Nath Banerji, Sub-Inspector, Criminal Investigation Department. He came in February to Punjab to Lahore, to make inquiries about one Narendra Nath Chatterji. Under orders of the Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department, Punjab, I assisted him. I got a chit from Chediram leaving his address. This is it (Exhibit 141). I have signed it. I gave it to the Deputy Inspector-General through my Deputy Superintendent with my report.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

(Sd.) Khushal Chand,
Sub-Inspector, Criminal Investigation Department, Punjab.
10-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Monindra Nath Banerji, Witness No. 255, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Monindra Nath Banerji. My father's name is Modhusudan Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Halisahar, Police-station Naihati, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Calcutta where I am Inspector of Police, Criminal Investigation Department.

I went to Lahore under orders of the Deputy Inspector-General to investigate about Narendra Nath Chatterji. Khusal Chand and Satis Ghose of the Punjab Criminal Investigation Department were deputed to assist me. I got the slip (Exhibit 140) from Durga Das and this (Exhibit 141) from the Deputy Inspector-General. I sent these by post to the Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General here from Lahore.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Monindra Nath Barerji.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Chand Sheik, Witness No. 256, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 10th day of June 1910.

My name is Chand Sheik. My father's name is Hazi Mundal. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Betberia, Police-station Gagni, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, where I am a chowkidar.

I know Manmatha Biswas. His brother, Bhugal Biswas, is tahsildar of Pirtola, in the zamindari of Austin *Sahib*. Manmatha used to live with him. I know Bipoti. He lives in Betberia. He used to visit Manmatha when Bhugal was tahsildar. Bipoti used to go to Pirtola to see him too. I saw no other *chogras* come to Bipoti's house.

(Watson's.)

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
10-6-10.

The deposition of Purno Ch. Bhattacharyya, Witness No. 257, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Purno Ch. Bhattacharyya. My father's name is Aswini Kumar Bhattacharyya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Ramnagar, Police-station Khanakul, Zilla Hughly, where I reside at present and where I am a duffadar of Khanakul Kristanagar Union for the last five or six years. There was a *mela* at Kristnagar (Khanakul) about 2 years ago. It was in 1908 in about April. There were lectures there on *swadeshi*. Some 5 or 6 people from Calcutta were there and many people from other places. I know no names of those who came from Calcutta. I can not identify any of these here. There was *lathi* play, bioscope exhibition, showing pictures of battles of the Boers and of Plassey. Things were also there for sale. Some man of Rajhat Nandanpur sold knives and scissors. Some good things came from Calcutta for sale. The Calcutta people did the Bioscope and local people of surrounding villages played *lathi*. *Bhadraloks* and others played. The Calcutta boys stayed some at Harish Bhattacharyya's and others at Bepin Behari Ghose's house. Bepin is a High Court Vakil. Harish died before the exhibition. His nephew and son-in-law lived in his house. His nephew is Manmatha Bhattacharyya. He was there. I know Rajendra Sing, daroga of our thana. He attended the *mela*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) PURNO CHANDRA BHATTACHARYYA (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness in presence in accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Rajendra Lal Singh, Witness No. 258, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Rajendra Lal Singh. My father's name is Ganga Narain Singh. I am by caste Chettri. My home is at Mauza Indas, Police-station Indas, Zilla Bankura. I reside at present at Khanakul, Zilla Hooghly, where I am Sub-Inspector. I was Sub-Inspector at Khanakul throughout 1908. There was a meeting at Khanakul by the Khanakul Kristanagar Samaj, in April 1908. There was discussion about the Samaj and about Raja Ram Mohon Rai and there was also talk of *swadeshi*. Sakaram Gonesh Douskar was there, and he showed a Bioscope of the Japan and Boer war. He also lectured saying that people would respect you more if instead of *lathi*-play you learn to play with and make dagger. He threatened too that people would be excommunicated from the *samaj* unless they used *swadeshi* things. I was present throughout. I saw *lathi* play. Devi Prosonno Rai Choudhury and Bistupado Mukherji of Bhowanipur were there. Bistupado sang *swadeshi* songs. There were some 5 or 6 *chogras* from Calcutta there too. One of the boys was like this one (shows Lolit M. Chakrabarty). Kisori Mohon Gupta, Professor of the National College, and Narain Chandra Ganguli were there. I reported the matter at the time, in full details with all the names. The date was the 18th and 19th of April. I sent my report to the Divisional Inspector. There was an Industrial Exhibition in connection with the meeting and daggers, looks and keys etc., on exhibition.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Rajendra Lal Singh.
S. I.
13-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Rakhal Ch. Ghose, Witness No. 259, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Rakhal Ch. Ghose. My father's name is Prem Chandra Ghosh. I am by caste Sodgope. My home is at Mauza Kristopore, Police-station Arambagh, Zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator. I identify Jotin Hazra. He is my sister's son. It was over 3 years ago that he came to my house from his own. He was there first 8 or 10 days. A Brahmin boy came and said he wanted to see him. I asked why he wanted him and he said it was necessary. I said no, he is here to do cultivation and to stay with me. He is not to go about with you and waste his time. Jotin was the only earning member of his family and it was in great distress. I then turned out the Brahmin boy who told me his name was Satya Banerjee. A few days after Shibu came and said his *bhai* was to be married and he wanted Jotin to come. I let Jotin go as he was to return in a few days but from that time he never returned. This *chogra* (shows) is Shibu.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Rakhal Chandra Ghose (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Khursed Purkait, Witness No. 260, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Khursed Purkait. My father's name is Akbar Purkait. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Mullikpur, Police-station Kulpi, Zilla 24-Parganas, I reside at present in Mouza Hasghosal Multi, Police-station Magrahat, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a zamindar's servant. I used to live at Joynagar when I served Erfan C. Naskar and I was his takeda. I know a little of *lathi* play. There was an *akra* at Mozilpur at the Samriteswar temple and I was asked by the boys and went and taught 4 or 5 days. I remember one of the boy's name. It was Chuni Lal (identifies Chuni Lal). I do not remember any of the others by sight now, as it is about two years ago. I remember Chuni as I often saw him. I was asked by him and others to go and teach when I was passing by the *akra* on my ordinary duty. They were playing when they asked me. I taught 4 or 5 days but they did not like my *lathi* play and there was a teacher whose name I think was Tinkori. I do not know if Tinkori was there when I taught. I got no payment.

Cross-examined.—I do not know Tinkori by sight.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Khorsed Purkait (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness in presence of accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Maharuddi, Witness No. 261, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Maharuddi Mistry. My father's name is Parbarti Mistri. I am by caste Mussalman. My home is at Mauza Joynagar, Police-station Joynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator. I identify Tinkori and Chuni. They used to play at an *akra* near the *Thakursthan* at Mozilpur. It was the Samriteswar *thakur*. They played with *lathis*.

Cross-examination.—I only saw *lathi* play. I saw Tinkori 2 or 3 times. There were some 20 or so who played. I know these two as they live near. I saw Chuni himself play 2 or 3 times. It was about 1 or 2 years ago.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Esuf Halder, Witness No. 262, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Esuf Halder. My father's name is Dilu Halder. I am by caste Mussalman. My home is at Mauza Hatpara, Police-station Joynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator. I identify Tinkori and Chuni. They live near me. They used to play *lathi* at the Samriteswar temple. Many people played there.

Cross examined.—I saw the playing from the pathway when going on the way to Gangir Hat.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Keshob Tewari, Witness No. 263, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Keshob Tewari. My father's name is Souras Tewari. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Nitupur, Police-station Hardhi, Zilla Ballia. I reside at present in Mauza Kristnagar, Police-station Kristnagar, Zilla Nadia, where I am the cook of Vakil Indu Chakravarty. I used to be in the service of Dwarkanath Sirkar Rai Bahadur, an Engineer. I did not serve Haradhon Babu. I also deal in milk I used to supply Haradhon with milk. I know Lolit Babu (identifies Lolit Chatterji). Haradhon Babu used to live at Kataharpata. He had a shop where he made ink and he had some employment under Government in the Judge's Court. Many people used to come and go to the shop. Karu Babu used to go to the shop. I do not know his real name (shows Karu *alias* Nibaran Chandra Mozumdar). He is Lolit Babu's mohurrir. I saw him talking to Haradhon Babu and sitting there. I only saw ink prepared at the place. I saw nothing else prepared. What I saw I saw about a year ago. I only knew Haradhon kept the shop. I do not know if others had a share. It was in the house of Mohendra Babu, Overseer, whose son is Poran. I have not seen Poran for a year. I saw him where he used to stay with Dwari Babu, the Engineer. I never saw Poran at the shop.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

Keshob Tewari, Prosecution Witness No. 263, recalled on 16th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify this man (shows Poran *alias* Suresh Mozumdar). He is Poran Babu and his father is Mohendra Babu, who is an Overseer.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd. H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Suvadra Goalini, Witness No. 264, aged years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Suvadra. My father's name is Dino Biswas. I am by caste Koiborto. My home is at Mauza Kristnagar, Police-station Kristnagar, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, where I am a maid-servant. I was formerly in the employ of Haradhon up to *Magh*. I was with him about five months before that. Haradhon Babu lived in Kotulpota in the house of Mohendra Babu. He was in an office. I do not know what work it was. At the house where he lived there was "ink" made. I saw nothing else made there. Other *chogras* who stayed there used to make the ink. They were *bhadra lok's* children. I have not seen people come to talk with Haradhon. This man (Karu) used to go there regularly.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*].

The deposition of Ghetu Kamar, Witness No. 265, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of. Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Ghetu Kamar. My father's name is Rudra Kanto Karmakar. I am by caste Kormakar. My home is at Mauza Chatni, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Nadia, and I reside too at Nattore where I am a blacksmith. I identify Sirish Sirkar. In *Asar* or *Sraban* last he came to my shop. He brought with him a lump of gold mixed with charcoal. He asked me to let it be melted. I said I am a blacksmith. I do not understand goldsmith's work. He said "I will get the "*masalas*" for the work myself." Two or three days after he came with another *bhadra lok*. This is that *bhadra lok* (shows Lohit Mohon Chakrabarty). They sat in my shop and melted the gold and then went off. They gave me a piece of gold and asked me to go to a goldsmith to find out the price. I went to another *sona-karmakar*. He said it was worth Rs. 19 to Rs. 20 per *bari*. I then gave it back.

This man (Lohit) used to stay at Sirish's. He came one day, less than a month ago with a *sahib* to Nattore and I saw him there.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*].

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Promotha Nath Mullik, Witness No. 266, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Promatha Nath Mullik. My father's name is Brojodulal Mullik. I am by caste Ugra Khetri. My home is at Mauza Bazar, Police-station Mongolkot, Zilla Burdwan. I reside at present at Beniatolla, Calcutta, where I am Manager for Bhusan Das, *Jatrawalla*.

Our party went to Kadipukhur last year to perform. They got out at Sangrapur and returned from that station. I kept the account of expenses. I kept a rough memo. of the expenses and on return to Calcutta I made the sirkar, Purno Ch. Chakrabarti, write up the account. The account was correctly noted in the book. We came back by the morning train. We left our luggage, after it had been checked with our tickets, with two servants and it followed by a later train.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI PRAMATHA NATH MULLIK. (*In Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Saroda Prosonno Das Gupta, Witness No. 267, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Saroda Prosonno Das Gupta. My father's name is Durga Prosonno Das Gupta. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at Mauza Kalia, Police-station Kalia, Zilla Jessore. I reside at present at Kristnagar Police-station, Zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Inspector. In 1907 I was at the Sadar thana, Kristnagar, as Sub-Inspector. I remember the case of the assault on the Santipore Missionaries. There was criminal case against among others, Birendra Nath Pramanik and Kartik Chandra Dutt. They were convicted and sent to jail. Birendra was released from the Sadar Jail on 29th June 1907 and on that day there was a demonstration in his honour. Some people met him at the jail and garlanded him and took him to Lalit Babu's (identifies Lalit Kumar Chatterji) *baithakkhana* and then there were light refreshments. I reported this event. I saw the procession in the town.

(Sd.) H. P Duval.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Saroda Prosonno Gupta.
Sub-Inspector, Sadar Police-Station, Krishnagar.
13-6-10.

Saroda Prosonno Das Gupta, Prosecution Witness No. 267, recalled on 29th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

On 25th August 1908 I was at the Sadar thana at Kristnagar. I received orders to take Lalit Kumar Chatterji's statement as to whether he had sent any money to the Muraripukur Garden and whether he had sent subscription to the *Jugantar*. This (Exhibit 237) is his statement. He read it and signed it in my presence. This is his signature Exhibit 237(a)]. I handed the statement to the C. I. D. Inspector Purna Babu.

I was with Binod Babu Inspector when his house was searched. A list of what was found was prepared. This is the list (238) and I signed it. I found there four documents [238(1)—(4)].

I also searched myself the Arya Chemical Works at Kristnagar. I made this list (239) of what I found. I found these books and papers [239(1)—(16)], and this bundle [239 (17)]. I also found this box containing the chemical apparatus as given in the list (Exhibit LVII.)

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Saroda Prosonno Das Gupta.
Sub-Inspector, Sadar police-station, Kristnagar.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Banka Behari Saha, Witness No. 268, aged about 43 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Banka Behari Saha. My father's name is Ramdhan Saha. I am by caste Teli. My home is at Mauza Kharara, Police-station Mirpur, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in Mauza Sadarpur, Police-station Mirpur, Zilla Nadia, where I am a *mahajon*. I am in the employ of Kali Nath Saha and Brojendra Kumar Saha. We had a single barrelled gun at Rajshahi. It was No. 2386. It was stolen in 1314, *Magh* 6th. There was a complaint made and the police enquired. This is the license (Exhibit 142).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI BANKU BEHARI SAHA. (*In Bengali.*)

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Shyama Charan De, Witness No. 269, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Shyama Charan De. My father's name is Ishan Chandra De. I am by caste Subarnobanic. My home is at Mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Rampur Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present and where I have a stationery shop. I know Bhupendra Nath Rai Choudhuri, Ramapoda Mukherji and Monmatha Biswas (identifies). They used to come to my shop to buy things. This was 6 or 8 months ago. I know *chogras* played *lathi* at Rajshahi but who played I cannot say. They used not to come to my shop together. I never go out and leave my shop.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Sri Shyama Charan De. (*In Bengali.*)

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Tinkori Dutt, Witness No. 270, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Tinkori Dutt. My father's name is Umesh Chandra Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is in Mauza Kumirmorah, Police-station Chanditola, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present in Mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Rampur Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am a dealer in rice, etc. I know Monmatha Biswas and Ramapoda Mukherji (identifies). They have been to my shop to buy things but not together. This is about a year ago. I do not leave my shop and go about.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) SRI TINKORI DUTT.. (*In Bengali*)

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Jotindra Sanyal, Witness No. 271, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Jotindra Sanyal. My father's name is Mothura Nath Sanyal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Gokulpur, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present at Mauza Haquira, Police-station Dighapatya, in the house of the spiritual guide of the Dighapatya Raja. I am the electric line man of the Raja.

I know Bijoy Chakravarty (identifies). I do not know this man (Lalit Chakravarty). I never saw him Bijoy used to be in charge of the Raja's store godown. I live at Satis Chandra Goswami's. Mohini Chandra Goswami lives in the adjoining house. I read at school with Bijoy Chakravarty. I know his handwriting. I never had any talk with him on *swadeshi* matters. I have no time, as I work the whole day at the Rajbari. I have seen Bijoy at Mohini's.

To Court.—I know Sirish Sirkar (identifies). I have seen him at his house at Nattore. I never saw him at Bijoy's house or at Mohini Goswami's. I saw once a man going with Bijoy Chakravarty to his house at 3 or 4 P.M I do not know his name. (This he says in answer to question—Do you know one Lal Mohon?). This was the day after I saw Bijoy at Mohini's

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

(Sd.) JATINDRA NATH SANYAL.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Wahiruddin Ahmed, Witness No. 272, aged about 39 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Wahiruddin Ahmed. My father's name is Munshi Dabiruddi. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Malikhata, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present in Mauza Nattore, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am of independent means. I identify Bijoy Chakravarty.

I think I saw this man (Bidhu Biswas). He is Bidhu.

I identify Sushil Biswas.

I have seen them in Nattore. They used to go about the town together and I have seen them together at the *Sebasram*. At the *Asram* foreigners used to be fed. The boys Bidhu and Sushil are not of our village. The *Asram* was started by people who made *swadeshi* agitation.

To Court.—I have been at times to Girish Sirkar's dispensary as I know him. I do not remember Sirish by sight. One day I saw Sushil and Bidhu at Girish's dispensary. I cannot say whether Sirish was there. I know Sushil and Bidhu as I saw them once in a shop and they called one another by their respective names. I also saw them at the *Asram*.

(Is shown Sirish and says—This man may be Sirish). I have seen him at the *Asram* once or twice.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) WAHIDUDDIN

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Kunjo Lal Nath, Witness No. 273, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H.P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 13th day of June 1910.

My name is Kunja Lal Nath. My father's name is Nuni Das Nath. I am by caste Jogi. My home is at Mauza Refaitpur, Police-station Daulatpur, Zilla Nadia, where I am a shop-keeper. I know Sita Nath Saha. I used to work in his shop at Haludbari *darga*. There was a dacoity at his shop on the *Lakhi puja* day in *Kartik*. I was in the shop with Moira Seikh, a cowherd. We were lying down and heard a *golmal* in bazar. We heard there was a *golmal* in Buktar Kayer's house. We got up. We heard the noise of breaking of boxes, etc., in his house. I opened the door of my shop and came out and saw a man in front walking up and down with a gun. He said "Run away." I returned inside and shut the door. Many people began shouting in bazar and the dacoits began firing guns. The dacoits left Baktar's and began to beat my door. I was going away by the *kirki* door and one cried "Catch the sala." I then returned to the inner room and thence I got out by climbing over the bamboo fencing. I came back to the main road. I saw 4 or 5 people outside our house and some inside. They threw down a box. They finally went off. I returned to the shop and found one or two boxes had been brought out and broken and papers and *khatas* were scattered about. The Marwari went to the thana. I gave my complaint to daroga at the spot. This is it (Exhibit 85).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
13-6-10.

The deposition of Major Wright, Witness No. 274, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is E. G. Wright. I am Major of 10th Jats. I know Surjan Singh and Chuni Havildar. They were punished under military law, on a summary court martial.

About the first fortnight in June 1908, (I was at the time commanding the regiment), I received information that a pleader and 2 Bengalis were in the habit of coming to a certain tree on the Alipore Road about 100 yards distant from the corner barrack. These men were said to have been in the habit of beckoning to some of our signallers to come and talk to them. I gave orders for our men to be watched and I wrote off at once to Mr. Halliday and put him on the track. I got a receipt for his letter.

As the visit did not occur again to my knowledge, I presume the men had been arrested.

Men are not allowed to be away at night without leave but a man could disappear from the barracks on a dark night by dodging the sentry. He could get back in the same way. A jamadar in the regiment once told me that a Bengali had tried to talk to him in a tram against the Government and that he told him to "shut up." He did not know the man's name. This was almost directly after we arrived at Alipore. We arrived at Alipore in February 1908.

The scout havildar had told me of the Bengalis coming to the tree.

Surjan and Chuni were arrested on the information of the informer. I was present when he identified them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

Correct.

(Sd.) E. G. Wright, Major.
10th Jats.

The deposition of Lieut. Twiss, Witness No. 275, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is Edward Campbell Twiss. I am Lieutenant of 10th Jats. Our regiment came to Alipore in February 1908. In February 1909 a party of about 100 men of the regiment, under Subadar Hariram and Turkha Ram went to Belghurria range to fire their annual course of musketry. Surjan was among this party.

Our regiment provided the guard at Belvedere at the front gate. Probably Surjan at some time was on that guard, though there was no record to show it.

Surjan and Chuni were convicted at court martial. After that about 30 men in all were dismissed the regiment, some in Calcutta, some in Haiderabad.

We found orderlies at the Military Secretariat in the Esplanade all the time we were here till we left. Surjan might have been an orderly there. I am almost sure he was. We have a record of the going to Belgurriah. I am now Adjutant. I examined the records at Haiderabad and found that Surjan was one of the party.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
15-6-10.

(Sd.) E. K. Twiss.
Lieut., Adjutant, 10th Jats,
15-6-1910.

The deposition of Gostho Behary Chakravartty, Witness No. 276, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is Gostho Behari Chakravartty. My father's name is Uma Charan Chakravartty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at 10, Protap Chatterjee's Lane, Calcutta, where I keep a boarding house. People of Mazilpore stay at my mess. I keep *khatas*. I produce the book of 1908. Some times I make the entries. My father gave up the business three years ago and after that one Gojalakhi Debi has managed the mess. My *khatas* show that Behari Lal Bhattacharja, Hari Das Dutt, Satya Kiran Bhattacharja (he called Behari *kaka*) were there and one Lalit Mohon Chakravartty (his house I do not know) used to eat too at the mess with these people. This is in January 1908.

In March and April Bhobotaran Chakravartty was at the mess.

The page for January is written by Babu Kissori Mohon Kar, who is now a pensioner of the Telegraph Department and whose home is at Ilchouba Mondlai. He was a member of the mess (Exhibit 143 and 144). I do not know if Satya has a brother and where Satya is now. I think this man (shows Lalit) used to eat in our mess. This book I produce only shows the expense for meals. I handed it over to Police nearly a month ago on 12th May.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

(Sd.) Gosto Behari Chakravarti.

Read over to witness in presence of some accused and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

The deposition of Sarat Kumar Ghose, Witness No. 277, aged about 49 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is Sarat Kumar Ghose. My father's name is Prosanno Kumar Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. I reside at present at Barabazar Police-station, Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of Barabazar thana. In January 1908 I was in charge of the Colootolah thana. I was there on 13th January. A charge of theft was lodged there regarding the theft at the *Chatra Bhandar*. The theft was first reported by the beat constable early in the morning as he found the place broken into. Subsequently Indra Nandi came and reported the theft about 8 A.M. Indra Nandi is the son of Colonel S. C. Nandi as I came to know at the time of the Alipore Bomb Case. He lived at 37, College Street. The *Chatra Bhandar* was in Harrison Road at 113. I investigated the case. I found who belonged to the *Chatra Bhandar*. The names I remember are Indra Nandi, Pobitra Dutt who was managing director, one Rajendra or Roghunath. There were some three persons directors and eight servants. I do not remember seeing Pobitra in the morning. Indra told me when I first took down the facts of the case that Pobitra was managing director and that he had gone to Bombay some 20 or 25 days before. That same day he returned to Calcutta and I saw him either at the shop or in the thana that same day and he said he had just returned—(shows Pobitra Dutta). Six accused were sent up and convicted. The major portion of the property was recovered by the Jorasanko Police.

H. P. Duval.

15-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Sarat K. Ghose.

15-6-10.

Sarat Kumar Ghose, Calcutta Police Sub-Inspector, Prosecution Witness No. 277, recalled on 30th June 1910.

I produce the entry in the case book in the *Chatra Bhandar* theft. I wrote it (Exhibit 285.)

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Sarat K. Ghose.

The deposition of Probhat Nath Mukherji, Witness No. 278, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is Probhat Nath Mukherji. My father's name is Satya Charan Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Bansberia, Police-station Magra, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present in Calcutta, where I am attached to the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate as Sub-Inspector. In January 1908, I was a Sub-Inspector attached to the Detective Department of the Calcutta Police. I enquired into a case at the *Chatra Bhandar* situated at 113, Harrison Road. I visited the *Chatra Bhandar* and there I met Indra Nath Nandi, Pobitra Dutt and Annoda Rai and some others whose names I do not remember. I identify Annoda Rai—(fails to identify Pobitra). Indra said he was director of the *Chatra Bhandar* and that the others were directors too. Indra Nath Nandi made over to me a copy of the prospectus of the *Chatra Bhandar*. He made some ink corrections in the copy in my presence. This is the book (Exhibit 145), and these the corrections [Exhibit 145(1)]. Nikhileswar Rai, I know. Indra told me he was a director.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) Prabhat Nath Mukerjee,
Court Sub-Inspector.

The deposition of Nogendra Nath Bhattacharya, Witness No. 279, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 15th day of June 1910.

My name is Nogendra Nath Bhattacharja. My father's name is Jodhupati Bhattacharja. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Bettia, Police-ptation Bettia, Zilla Champaran. I reside at present in Calcutta, where I am in the Criminal Investigation Department under the Bengal Police as Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Pulin Behari Sirkar in Jougacha on the 24th March and found certain papers, etc. This (Exhibit 123) is the list. This [Exhibit 123(1)], a red account book, is No. 3 of my list;

123(2)	is No. 5.	123(11)	is No. 14B.
123(3)	is No. 6.	123(12)	is No. 15.
123(4)	is No. 7.	123(13)	is No. 16.
123(5)	is No. 9.	123(14)	is No. 19.
123(6)	is No. 10.	123(15)	is No. 21.
123(7)	is No. 11.	123(16)	is No. 23A.
123(8)	is No. 12.	123(17)	is No. 23B.
123(9)	is No. 13.	123(18)	is No. 24.
123(10)	is No. 14A.	123(19)	are the rest of what I found.

I conducted a search at Chedapathur in Bankura District in the house of Rukhini Mohon Rai on the 13th December 1908. I prepared a list of what I found. It was conducted in the presence of witnesses. I signed it and so did they. It is correctly prepared. This (Exhibit 146) is the list. The house was a thatched house on a hill surrounded by jungle, about 60 miles from Bankura. There was no road to it. It is close to the Manbhum district. All the other people living there were aborigines. The house belonged to the zamindar Digambar Nanda Bidhyanidhi. His Manager, Dharani Dhar and a cook, Keshab Chandra Banerji, were living there. There were other servants and mohurrirs. The zamindar's *kutchery* was held in the house. The cook and other servants told me some of the properties belonged to Rukhini and in some of papers I found, I found his name in them. I found these articles [Exhibit 146(1)—(3)] is No. 3 of my list—portraits of Prafulla Chaki, Kanai Lal Dutt and Khudiram Bose.

Exhibit 146(4) is No. 5 *Prachya* and *Paschatya*.
„ 146(5) is No. 7 (The Social General Strike.)
„ 146(6) is No. 9, it contains the name of Sishir K. Ghose.
„ 146(7) and 146(8) is No. 20 and No. 21, *Sonar Bangla*—No. 20 containing name of Gobinda Lal Pal.
„ XLV are a pair of dumb-bells (No. 22 of my list.)
„ XLVI are the rest of the articles.

I produced the articles before a Magistrate at Bankura.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
15-6-10.

The deposition of Rajendra Krista Banerji, Witness No. 280, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Rajendra Krista Banerji. My father's name is Nando Lal Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Jougacha, Police-station Jaugacha, Zilla Howrah, where I reside at present and where I am an engraver in the firm of Arlington & Co., of Dalhousie Square, Calcutta. I know Upen Krista Deb, Pulin Behari Sirkar and Kali (identifies). My house is near theirs. Their house is in my village. Upen's house is about 2 bighas from mine and the others' houses are five or six bighas from mine. I know Binoy Krista Chakravarty. He is uncle (Kaka) of Kalipoda. His son Bibhuti prepared a playing ground in his garden and there they used to go there together and other *chogras* of the *para*. This was three years ago. There are no signs of the play ground now, as the land is now under cultivation. I was educated at the Madhusudan Pal Choudhury High School at Kadamtola, Howrah. Upendra De was at that school, before my time there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) RAJENDRA KRISTA BANERJEE.

The deposition of Purna Chandra Chakravarty, Witness No 281, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Purna Chandra Chakravarty My father's name is Raj Chandra Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Khandapara, police-station Mukshedpur, zilla Faridpur. I reside at present at Howrah where I am record-keeper of the Magistrate. When I received the record of the Shibpur dacoity case (G. R. Case No. 756 of 1908) on 6th July 1908, I made a list of the documents. This is it (Exhibit 147). There is no first information in the list. The record is in the same state as when I received it.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) PURNA CHANDRA CHAKRAVAR

[*No cross-examination.*]

The deposition of Sachindra Nath Chakravarty, Witness No. 282, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Sachindra Nath Chakravarty. My father's name is Koilash Chandra Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Jodhupur, police-station Ghatal, zilla Midnapore. I reside at present in mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, zilla Howrah, where I am employed as a clerk in a saw mill. I was formerly a head-constable and my services came to an end as such in July 1908. I remember there was a dacoity at Shibpur. Information of it was lodged at the thana. A copy of the information was sent to the District Superintendent of Police as well as the information being sent to the Magistrate. This is the copy (Exhibit 111). I wrote it. It is an exact copy. I wrote it comparing the original.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) SACHINDRA NATH CHAKRAVARTY.

The deposition of Hira Lal Biswas, Witness No. 283, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Hira Lal Biswas. My father's name is Ishan Chandra Biswas. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Sripol, police-station Sripol, zilla Jessore. I work at present at Alipore, police-station Alipore, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Deputy Inspector of Excise. I know No. 1, Corries Church Lane. It was a students' mess. I think I could identify some of the students. I have been living at No. 3, Corries Church Lane about 5 years. The next door neighbour of the student's mess, —an oil-man—(he lives there and has a shop elsewhere) came to me and complained that the boys of the mess had got on to the roof of their house and looked at the ladies of his family He asked me to go with him to the mess and tell them not to do so. I went. I spoke to the manager of the mess. He was a stout elderly man I warned the manager to stop it. He said he knew one day the boys had gone on the roof and done so and he had taken steps to prevent it being done again. I used to see those living in the 1st story, when they bathed at the water tap in their yard. Those on the ground floor I saw more often.

I am not quite sure but I think one of the boys is this man (Sirish Sirkar). I used to see them with their bodies bare. The mess is no longer there. It is gone about 5 months. I saw this boy before that. The mess was there about a year. The trouble with the oil-man was in the hot weather when the mess was there.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) Hira Lal Biswas.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

The deposition of Jogesh Chandra Das, Witness No. 284, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act X, of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Jogesh Chandra Das. My father's name is Durga Charan Das. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Kirpara, police-station Raujan, zilla Chittagong. I reside at present at 75, Puttuldanga Street, Calcutta. I am a manager of a mess at 75, Puttuldanga Street. I have been manager since June 1909. Before I took up the management the boys of the National School, Medical College, and the Arts School of Bowbazar, used to stay there. There was a boy of our district (Chittagong) living there and I often went to see him. I then came to know 2 or 3 other boys there. I knew Satis Chandra Sirkar. He was there when the mess was under my management in July 1909. I keep accounts and they are correctly kept. (Shows entry of his name in account of July and August). Sachin Mitra who was studying for the B.L., in the Bangabasi College, came there as his friend and stayed there. He was not entered for the 1st month in the book as he stayed as Satis' guest and Satis paid for him according to the rules. When Satis went away in August, he came in as his *budli*. He is entered as member for September [Exhibit No. 148 (3)]. A man came to Calcutta to our mess as a friend of Satis to buy a press. I think his name was Sirish Sirkar. He stayed between 7 and 12 days. I do not identify any one here as the man who came to buy the press, but I have seen this man (shows Sirish Sirkar) at the mess with Satis Sirkar. He occasionally came and stayed one or two days at a time in the mess. I do not identify this man (Lalit) nor any other people here. I made over the book to Panna Lal Bramhachari.

Exhibit No. 148.
Exhibit No. 148 (1).
Exhibit No. 148 (2).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Jogesh Chandra Das, (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Ashutosh Karmakar, Witness No. 285, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Ashutosh Karmakar. My father's name is Gour Chandra Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Khanakul Kristnagar, police-station Khanakul Kristnagar, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am a blacksmith. There was a *mela* at Khanakul 2 or 3 years ago. There were *tamashas* at it. Many sorts of things were shown—knives, *dows*, vegetables, etc, were shown. There was *lathi* play and magic lantern. The pictures were of many sorts—of the King, Queen, horse races and *maramari* and of battles. Some one showed a *Bhugari* which I had made. Jamini Babu who is a Mukerji and is a Naib of zamindar—Hari Mohon Rai's widow, took it from me and showed it. He paid me Re 1 for it. Jamini asked to make him *Bhugaris* when there was necessity, but I did not get any further orders from him to make any. None of the people who had been at the *mela* came to my shop and bought *Bhugaris* from me.

Some boys from Calcutta who came, stayed in Harrish Bhattacharyya's house.—I think this was one (shows Lalit). I do not identify any others. My shop is 10 or 12 bighas from where the *mela* was held.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

(Sd). SREE ASHUTOSH KARMAKAR. (In *Bengali*).

The deposition of Chaitan Kamar, Witness No. 286, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Chaitan Kamar. My father's name is Raju Kamar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Udaipore, police-station Khanakul, zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am a blacksmith. Nandanpur is 1½ or 2 *crosh* from my home. No person from other places came and asked me to make daggers and spears for him. I do not know Narain Das. My elder brother's name is Gour Kamar and the last witness (Ashutosh) is his son.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Daly, Witness No. 287, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Douglas A. Daly. I reside at present at Darjeeling, where I am Inspector of Police. I was present when this man (Lalit). He was searched by me. I found this letter (Exhibit 149) in this envelope (Exhibit 150) on his person.

I went to the Lowis Sanitarium and took charge of eight books and 3 applications for admission which I produce. *See* Witness No. 288—three applications for admission and 2 books exhibited, rest kept.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

(Sd). Douglas A. Daly.
Inspector of Police.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Hara Kumar Guha, Witness No. 288, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Hara Kumar Guha. My father's name is Rajkumar Guha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Banoripara, police-station Sarup Kati, zilla Barisal. I reside at present at Darjeeling where I am clerk, Lowis' Jubilee Sanitarium for near eight years. I was there in November 1909. I identify this man (Lalit). I think too I have seen this man (Sirish Sirkar). Application has to be made for admission. They are written as a rule in my presence. These are the applications of Lalit Mohon Chakravarty, Radha Charan Chakravarty and Sirish Chandra Sirkar. They were all of the same date. (Exhibits 151, 152, 153).

From my diary (Exhibit 154) which I write myself I see they arrived on 26th August 1909. [Exhibit 154 (1)]. Radha Charan Chakravarty left on 31st August. [Exhibit 154 (2)]. Sirish Ch. Sirkar left on 1st October. [Exhibit 154 (3).] Lalit Babu on the 27th October. [Exhibit 154 (4).] He was arrested by Mr. Daly and so he left.

As far as I remember, Lalit, Sirish and Radha were all put in the same room No. 88. Lalit then went to room No. 9, Sirish went to another room. I think No. 34. I cannot say when they changed. In the bill paid on 27th August 1909, one bill was made out for all three jointly. I do not exactly remember who of the three handed the money to me (Shows counterfoil No. 679 of 27th August 1909). The particulars of the bill are in my hand-writing. (Exhibit 155).

A man from Benares—Amaresh Bhattacharyya—and one Satis Chandra Das Gupta were sharing the room with Lalit when he was arrested. There was another gentleman sharing the room too. I do not know his name. I made over these books to Mr. Daly.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

(Sd). HARAKUMAR GUHA.
16-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Fuller, Witness No. 239, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of June 1910.

My name is Gerald Fuller. I am Customs Officer. I am on special duty in the Criminal Investigation Department. I examined the sale books of the arms dealers in Calcutta in reference to the license of Charu Chandra Ghose, son of Ishun Chandra Ghose. I examined their books carefully for 10 years back at least. I made a report. *Referring to it*—I see he *has* been purchasing off and on in small quantities from the year 1899 up to the end of 1907. In 1908 his purchases are considerably increased. In 1908 he bought 3 lbs. of gun powder and 750 percussion caps and quantities of shot. In 1909 up to October he bought another 1 lb. of gun powder and 500 percussion caps. Gun powder and caps need a license. Between 1899 and 1908 he had bought 4 lbs. of gun powder and 600 percussion caps only. He bought once from Ashutosh Daw and Co., eleven times from M. C. Daw and Co., three times from A. C. Kundu of Chandni and four from Nafar Chandra Dutt. I received this license after about half my search of the books and I found all the sales entered on the license except where the purchases are for periods not covered by this license.

Exhibit 156 (license and application)
(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-6-10.

(Sd.) G. Fuller.
16-6-10.

The deposition of Kalipoda Gupta, Witness No. 290, aged about 22 year's, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of June 1910.

My name is Kalipoda Gupta. My father's name is Ramjadu Gupta. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at Mauza Jagatbullabpur, Police-station Jagatbullabpur, Zilla Howrah. I reside at present in Mauza Bankipur, Police-station Bankipur, Zilla Patna, where I was a shorthand typist student at the Phonetic School. I have just passed from the school and have no occupation yet. Our family dwelling-house now is at Bankipur. I have zamindari at Jagatbullabpur. My brother too is a doctor at Bankipur and I live with him. His name is Dr. Chuni Lal Gupta. I know Babu Kedar Nath Banerji, pleader of Bankipur, about 1 or 1½ years. I also know his wife. Dr. J. N. Mitter used to be their family doctor. His nephew (by distant relationship) Tarakeswar Nath Mitter was a friend of mine. He used to often visit Kedar Babu's house and I used to go with him. I used to know one Satis Ch. Sirkar and Fanindra Nath Mitter. They used to live at Dr. J. N. Mitter's house at the time the paper called *Motherland* used to be published. It was issued from Dr. J. N. Mitter's house. Fanindra and Satis were connected with the paper but what work they did on it I do not know. I last saw Satis at Bankipur about the time the "*Motherland*" stopped. Fanindra is now, I believe, in Jail. He was put into jail after he left Bankipur. I have seen Ramesh Chandra Sur at the house of Sachindra Nath Bose, also Charu De, who has recently passed the Sibpur Engineering College. He used to be a student. I have also seen Narendra Nath Bannerji, a munsif of Ghatal, at Sachindra's house, also Sailendra Nath Rai, an opium agent's clerk, also another Norendra Nath Bannerji who worked in the Telegraph office, also Basanta Kabiraj. Sachindra is the son of the late Professor Narendra Nath Bose. He is head-master of Deoghur School, but has his house at Bankipur. Fanindra and Satis knew him too. Fani often went to his house. I used to go to Sachindra's house too.

Bideshi chogras used to go to J. N. Mitra's house. I know one Sirish Chandra Sirkar. He came there I saw, once. Satish introduced him to me as a friend. (Identifies Sirish Sirkar). I also saw him at Kedar Babu's house. I know Kedar Babu's wife went to Tarwa which I think is in the Gaya district. Kedar Babu has a zemindari there. It was after her return from Tarwa that I saw Sirish. I know Promodindu Ghose. He lives at 9-1, Isher Mill's Lane, Calcutta. Sirish introduced him to me at Kedar Babu's house in the presence of Dr. J. N. Mitra. I do not know where Sirish's house is. I have taken *mantra*. I am a *chela* of Kedar Babu's wife. Tarkeswar Nath Mitter and I became her *chelas* about the same time. Sirish too is her *chela*. So is Sachindra Bose, and Promodindu Ghose. Kedar Babu, his wife, Dr J. N. Mitra and Satis Sirkar are *chelas* of Thakur Das Babaji of Dhaniapahari, which I think is in Gaya.

The *Sabitri puja* was held in Kedar Babu's house. I was sent over to Calcutta by Kedar's wife with a letter. I became a *chela* 1½ years ago, and it was after that the *puja* was held.

Kedar Babu's wife sent a letter by me to Promodindu Ghose with a photograph of herself to Calcutta, asking Promod to purchase things for the *puja*. I stayed at Calcutta with my sister at 11, Hari Ghose's Street. I also stayed a day or two in Promod's house. There too I saw Sirish Sirkar. I returned to Bankipur with the things about one or two days before the *puja* with Sirish and Promodindu. Kedar Babu's wife had asked me to bring them if they would come.

Kedar Babu's wife came to my house on an invitation one day after the *puja*. That night when she returned home, I accompanied her and stayed the night there. I do not remember her putting on jewellery then. She has jewellery and I have seen her wearing it. She had a *kamardhani* (waist chain)—scorpion pattern. It was lost or stolen. The fact was reported to the Police. She lost the *kamardhani* soon after she had been to our house on that invitation. Sirish and Promod stayed at Kedar Babu's house where they came for the *puja* and were still there when Kedar Babu's wife came on invitation to our house and were there up to the time of the theft of the waist chain. The boys who stayed at Kedar Babu's stayed in a room in the zenana quarters in the same room as Kedar Babu's wife. Sirish stayed in that room. There is an athletic club at Bankipur called Langatoli. Satis Sirkar used to go to it. The club is recognised by the Government.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

(Sd.) KALIPADA GUPTA.

Recalled on solemn affirmation.

The photograph I took to Promodindu is exactly like this. I gave it to Promodindu. This photograph (Exhibit 157) is that of Kedar Babu's wife.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

(Sd.) KALIPADA GUPTA.

The deposition of Babu Kedar Nath Banerji, Witness No. 291, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of June 1910.

My name is Kedar Nath Banerji. My father's name is Guru Das Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. I reside at present in Mauza Bankipore, Police-station Bankipore, Zilla Patna, where I am Vakil (of the High Court) practising at Bankipore. I remember my wife losing a *kamardhani*. It was in May last year. It was worth Rs. 850. It was a gold ornament weighing about 34 *parris* of "genuine gold." It was made two years before it was lost. At that time there was staying in my house a Mahratta gentleman, Deputy Superintendent of Telegraphs, Bombay, with his wife and family. I know him intimately, as he had been at Bankipore some time before in the Telegraph Department. He had a son with him, who used to be called Shankar, a Sachindra Nath Mitter of Benares, brother of Fanindra, and this boy (shows Sirish Sirkar), and another boy, Promodindu. The *Sabitri Puja* was held for the 14th time in my house at the time. I sent Rs. 200 by Kalipoda to Calcutta to purchase some cloth, etc. and these two came back with him. I think these boys had some spiritual relationship with my wife and they might have looked on themselves as her *chelas*. I first saw Sirish in December 1908, at the time of the X'mas holidays. It might have been in December 1907 or January 1908. Every year I go on pilgrimage at X'mas time to Dhuni-Saheb in Nepal. Sirish came to my house about the time I was about to start. One year before, four persons, who have since been convicted in the Alipore Bomb Case, came to my house and went with me on the pilgrimage. Adit Narain Lal, a zamindar, went with us too. The four persons I have referred to as convicted are Ullasker, Profulla (who committed suicide), Upendra Nath Banerji and Bhibhuti Bhusan Sirkar. Satis Sirkar was also of the party. Our party consisted of 40 or 50 *sadhus*, a Punjabi Brahmin, myself, Dr. J. N. Mitter, my wife, and the six people I have named above. The "*Motherland*" of Bankipore—Dr. J. N. Mitter worked the paper and Satish Sirkar was employed in the printing department. The boys who went on the pilgrimage came in *sanyasi* dress. I had gone out on tour in my zamindari, and one evening on my return, I found these boys at my house, and I asked my wife, and she told me they were *sanyasis* and that the Doctor and Satish knew them. On our return from the pilgrimage the boys stayed for a day or two and then left. I have a zamindari at Tarwa in Gaya. Sirish came there the winter before last when my family was staying there. He stayed there 10 or 15 days. He had some disease and he was treated by Dr. Biman Chandra Bosu at Bankipur, whither he returned with us from Tarwa. The third and last time I saw Sirish was at the *Puja*. He came on a Friday and the *Puja* was on Monday. He left seven or eight days after—the same day as the City Inspector of Patna was investigating in my house about the theft. They were living in the house when the theft was committed. At the time we suspected a maid servant of the theft.

The boys had access to the inner apartment and called my wife mother. They slept on the open terrace on the roof of the inner apartment. Dr. J. N. Mitter gave up being my family doctor last September as I objected to his habits of drinking. He wrote a letter abusing me then. He used when he was my doctor to get Rs. 100 per month.

Before the *Pujas* my wife put on all her ornaments, and after it was over this ornament was put into the cash-box. She usually left her keys about. The ornament was stolen from the cash-box.

Sirish once before had asked my wife to put on all her ornaments for him to see her wearing them. I do not know this man (Jotindra Mukerji). I know of no Jotin staying in my house.

I gave the names of the people residing at my house to the police at the time of th theft. I keep open house and any one in the garb of *sanyasi* can stay there one c two days.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

(Sd.) KEDAR NATH BANERJI.

The deposition of Samiruddin Sheik, Witness No. 292, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of June 1910.

My name is Samiruddin Sheik. My father's name is Badu. I am by caste Musulman. My home is at Mauza Bedpuria, Police-station Ganguin, Zilla Naddia, where I reside at present and where I am a chowkidar for the last 15 or 16 years. Pirtola is within my chowki This man Monmatho (shows) and this man Bhibhuti Babu (shows) live one at Pirtola and the other at Bedberia. Monmatho lives at Pirtola and Bibhuti at Bedberia Monmatho from time to time used to visit Bhibhuti. I used to see this about 1½ years ago They used to smoke and sing together. I do not know a Kristapoda and Prokriti I did not see other persons with Monmatho and Bhibhuti

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
18-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H P. DUVAL.
18.6-10.

The deposition of Dukhiram Pandit, Witness No. 293, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of June 1910.

My name is Dukhiram Pandit. My father's name is Kalachand Pandit. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Senhati, Police-station Khanakul, Zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present and where I am unemployed. I formerly worked at Kidderpore at Soshi Bhusan Mullick's *mudi* shop first and afterwards at Sarat Doctor's shop. He had a *mudi* shop. This was in 1315. The shop was at Garden Reach Circular Road. I was the salesman there. I had Rs. 12 per month. I was there two or two and a half months. A relative of Sarat Doctor—his wife's brother Hari—and a *chogra* with one eye, called Nani—worked in the shop too. The shop was in the name of Jotin Mitter, Sarat Babu's younger brother. Sarat Babu then lived at Gangadhar Banerji's Lane in a house hired from Panna Lal Bose. I know Sarat Doctor. I never went to his house. He used to come to the shop. Apurba Banerji's shop was just opposite this shop. Narendra Nath Chatterji worked there as a painter. He and Sarat Doctor used to come to the shop together, and I have often seen Sarat Doctor at his shop conversing with him. Naren lived at Gourbari Road, so Jotin told me. I have seen Satis and Suresh, Sarat's brothers. I have seen them at the shop too. Once a *bideshi* man, with a big *pugri*, came to the shop and asked for Sarat Babu. His *pugri* was white. He went away with Jotin to find him.

After I left Sarat's service, three or four months after I went to see him and then found he was living in Diamond Harbour Road. He had closed the shop and I went to propose that I should take it on I then saw Suresh and Naren with him. Sarat had too a cloth shop, called the *Swadeshi Silpa Bhandar*, on the Circular Garden Road beyond the *mudi* shop. It was closed after the *mudi* shop was started. I had been a servant in it too. At first when Naren was at painter's shop, he paid cash for what he took from the grocer; afterwards when he removed to a corrugated iron shed in Gangadhar Bannerji's Lane he took goods and could not pay; and Sarat Doctor said he would pay for them.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
18-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
18-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Dukhiram Pundit. (*In Bengali*)
Senhati.

Prosecution Witness No. 293, Dhukhiram Pundit, recalled on 30th June 1910, on solemn affirmation, in presence of certain accused.

I identify Suresh Babu (Suresh Mitra), Sarat Babu (Sarat Mittra) and Satis Babu (Satis Mitra) and know Noni Babu (shows Nonigopal Sen Gupta). I have seen Noni Babu at Sarat Babu's shop at Kidderpore. He had been to see Sarat Babu. I have seen him 2 or 3 times there I do not know these two (Tinkori Das and Lalit Chakravartty).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sri Dukhiram Pundit. (*In Bengali.*)

The deposition of Panna Lal Chatterji, Witness No 294, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 18th day of June 1910.

In presence of certain accused.

My name is Panna Lal Chatterji. My father's name is Devendra Nath Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Panihati, Police-station Khurda, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Calcutta where I am a photographer. I think I have seen this man but I do not know his name (shows Jogesh Chandra Miter.) I think I have seen him near the Mankundu station. I do not know this man (shows Annoda Rai). I have heard the name of Annoda Rai from Kartick Dutt and have often been to Annoda's house at 202, Cornwallis Street. I only saw Annoda Rai once and I do not remember what he looks like.

Accused not present.

I have been in Calcutta about 11 years, and have gone home from time to time. In 1908 I was at Calcutta partly. I was then a member of the *Yugantar* gang, and then stayed sometime at the *Yugantar* office and sometime at my father's at 156, Upper Chitpur Road, and used to go to the *Yugantar* every day. The *Yugantar* office was at 68, Maniktola street. There was a *mela* in connection with the *Protapaditya* celebration near Shampukur in the beginning of *Joistho* 1908 I think, and I went to attend it. When I was on my way there, there was a *mara mari* between the Police and some *chograh*. I went to see what was on and was arrested and was taken to the thana. Surendra Nath Bose, Radha Boda Mazumdar, Indu Bhusan Sen Gupta and I were arrested. A case was brought against us and we were all fined. Kartik Dutt paid the fine for me, so I heard. I had seen Kartik before that, but did not know his name; once had I spoken to him. During the case I came to know him. Kartik told me first he lived at 1, Goabagan Lane in Kali Pado Rai's hotel. Afterwards he took me to the *Yugantar* office at 68, Maniktola street. This was the first occasion I went to the *Yugantar* office. So then I became a member of the *Yugantar* gang. There I saw a large number of people—Jitendra Nath Rai, Provash Chandra De of Machuabazar Street, Nikuleswar Rai, Prabhat Kusum Gangooly, Jog Jiban Rai, Dhirendra Nath Ghose, a *chogra* called Deva from Santipore. We were all a gang and ran the *Yugantar* paper. Kartik told me Annoda was also a member of the *Yugantar* gang. We used to hold our meetings at 202, Cornwallis Street. Our meetings were to discuss how to promote *swadeshi* and to manage the *Yugantar* and when to make bombs again or not. (This was after the Maniktolla Garden case in which part of the *Yugantar* case had been arrested). Kartik Dutt attended the meetings. Finally at a meeting at 68, Maniktola, after notice to every one of the gang, it was resolved to make no more bombs but to collect guns and revolvers. Our object by collecting was to turn the English out of the country and rule the country ourselves. Our idea in collecting guns was to make soldiers of ourselves and others whom we could collect in our gang. We proposed too to shoot those English who oppressed us, and to shoot our own countrymen who should go against us. For getting money it was decided to commit dacoity as described in Bankim's "*Ananda Math.*"

My *mama* lives at Telinipara I spent part of *Bhadro* of 1908 at his house. Kartik Dutt was then at No 1, Mundal Street, Calcutta. I met him there during *Bhadro* while I was living at Telinipara I went to see him at No 1, Mundal Street. There I met Dhirendra Nath Ghose, Biren Mullik, Suresh Mazumdar, Panna Lal Chakravarty, Kartik's mother and wife, Poresh Bagchi and Keshab De. I had talk with Keshab. Kartik told me on that occasion that the expense of Calcutta was too much and he wanted a house at Chandernagar and he asked me to find him one. I told him of an empty house near my uncle's. He told me and Poresh to see the house and if it was all right, to clean it up; and he would come quickly and live there. So I and Poresh came to Telinipara and arranged with landlord and cleaned the house and then brought the keys to Kartik. Kartik said he would come next day. I returned to Telinipara. He came the next day. On the last day of *Bhadro* I went to Kartik Dutt's house in the afternoon. I met many people there. Keshab De was there and he said "Will you come with me on an invitation I have to a friend?" I agreed. Kartik Dutt, I, Panna Lal Chakravarty, Suresh Mazumdar, Poresh Bagchi, Mokhoda Charan Samadhai went first by foot to Mankundu. On arrival there Keshab and Mokhoda told us to stay under a culvert and they went to the station. They soon returned with three others. Keshab told me later that these three were of a Howrah gang. One of them is the man, I think, whom I have identified to-day. We then went to Bighati and there we committed a dacoity. I returned to Calcutta the day after. Kartik stayed at Telinipara. Two or three days after, I read in the papers that Kartik had been arrested, so I went to Mokhoda's house at Siv Narian Das' Lane. He told me not to fear and he sent me to Sahibgunge to a friend of his, for me to go on to the Oksa jungle in Barnea where he had taken some land for cultivation. Suresh Mitra who had also been with us in the dacoity (he is now in jail), met me there and we two went on to the Oksa jungle. After about 15 days we returned to Sahibgunge. There I stayed with Jogeshwar Bhattasali (Mokhoda's friend). Mokhoda wrote to say he had removed to Bally. We came back to Bally We found Mokhoda had gone to Benares. I stayed at Bally and Suresh went to see Mokhoda at Benares. I was at Bally about 8 days and then met

Mokhoda's brother. I was staying in the house of Ram Sital Moitra in which house Mokhoda had stayed. Mokhoda wrote to me to go to the Oksa jungle and set up his cattle etc, and with the money to go to Dacca district to the house of Baroda Kanto Mukherji of Boira, Subdivision Manikgunge. Two days after receipt of the letter, Mokhoda's brother saw him He refused to allow the cattle to be sold without his seeing the land I then went to Oksa jungle with him. We returned from Monihari Ghat towards Goalando. I got off at Archai and he went on to Goalando, and thence to Dacca. I went to Boira After I was there about 8 or 10 days I was arrested. I turned an approver and gave evidence under a pardon. Four men were convicted —Kartik, Suresh Mitra, Suresh Mozumdar and Panna Lal Chakravarty. Keshab De is an absconder.

In the gang we had a secret Code, *e g*, we called a revolver "Thakur" or "Indu" and cartridges "Khabar" and bombs "Narkul" or "Russa gollas."

(To Court): I do photography for the C. I. D. Special Branch. I get a monthly pay.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.

18-6-10.

(Sd.) PANNA LALL CHATTERJI.

Recalled on 18th June 1910 on solemn affirmation.

I know the hand-writing of Kartik Dutt. He has often written in my presence and I have received letters from him. I know his writing in English and Bengali. All this post-card (Exhibit 158) is in his hand-writing. So is this letter (Exhibit 159) and this envelope (Exhibit 160).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

18-6-10.

(Sd.) PANNA LALL CHATTERJI.

The deposition of Shib Naraw Ghosal, Witness No. 295, aged about 19 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Shib Narain Ghosal. My father's name is Khetra Mohan Ghosal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at No. 71, Beniatola Street, Calcutta, where I am unemployed. I was once employed in a tobacco shop.

Just opposite my house, No. 71, is situated No. 59, Beniatola Street. Aanthbandhu Chatterji lives there. Kunja Mohan Babu used to live with him and was ill at his house. This was about five months ago. He used to be visited by the doctor. I did not see any *bodra loks'* boys visiting him. I do not identify any one of these accused. I never saw either of these three men (shows Jotindra, Nibaran and Suresh Muzumdar). I do not know whose photo this is (a photo said to be that of Birendra Dutt Gupta).

This gentleman (Nripendra Nath Ghose) asked me some questions about three months ago and I told him I only saw the doctor go there. I never said that many *chogras* went there and I could identify one. He showed me some photographs, but I identified no one.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) SHIB NARAYAN GHOSAL.

The deposition of Makhan Lal Karmakar, Witness No. 296, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Makhan Lal Karmakar. My father's name is Begnath Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Kaya, police-station Kristnagar, zilla Nadia, where I reside and where I am a blacksmith. I make *daos*, crowbars, and once I made some arrow heads because Karu asked me to do so. This man is Karu (showed Nibaran Chandra Mozumdar). He asked me to do so about one and half years ago. I made six arrow heads for him. After I had made, I kept them in my shop, but the police came and took them away. Karu did not say why he wanted them. Satis Makerji, Fatik Chatterji and Tusthu Sheikh came with Karu when he asked me to make them. Satis Mukerji is son of Chandra Mukerji and Fatik of Basanta Chatterji. I was to get 6 annas for the 6. This man (shows Lalit K. Chatterji) is Basanta's *bhai*. There was a case over the arrow heads. I told the *hakim* what I have said to-day. The police kept the arrowheads and did not give them back to me.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL,
20-6-1910.

The deposition of Jitendra Nath Ghose, Witness No. 297, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Jitendra Nath Ghose. My father's name is Lal Gopal Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Ranaghat, police-station Ranaghat, zilla Nadia, where I reside at present. I am a Sub-Inspector (now on leave). I got orders in June 1907 to enquire about one Narendra Nath Bose, Bipin Behari Ganguli, Indra Nath Nundi and I think two other men. I found Narendra Nath Bose living with his brother Jahar Lal Bose at Mirzapore Street in a bye-lane. I ascertained he belonged to an *akra* with the others I had mentioned at 113, Bow Bazar Street. I went to 113, Bow Bazar Street, and saw boys playing *lathi* there. I saw Narendra Bose near his brother's tailoring shop in College Street once or twice. I think this boy (shows Narendra Nath Bose) is Naren Bose. His brother told me he was educated at the Khelat Chandra Institution. He had left school at the time of my enquiry. I did not speak to Naren Bose myself. I found too that Bipin Ganguli and Indra Nath Nundi also were members of the *akra*. Bipin lived in a house in Durga Chandra Pitali's Lane off Bow Bazar and Indra Nath Nundi lived in College Street.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) Jitendra Nath Ghose.
20-6-1910.

The deposition of Nishi Kanta Banerji, Witness No. 298, aged about 39 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Nishi Kanta Banerji. My father's name is Kali Nath Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kamar-khara, police-station Munshigunge, zilla Dacca. I reside at present in zilla Nuddia where I am Inspector on special duty in the district.

I remember the arrest of Harendra. He was arrested at the Kustia Court Railway Station by the late Shamsul Alum and Radha Nath Mazumdar, Sub-Inspector of Kustia. I identify Harendra Chandra Banerji (shows). I and Shamsul Alum searched his person and I made this list (Exhibit 161) of the properties found. This (Exhibit 161(1) is No. 3 of my list—a note-book. It was found in this condition with one page loose. This copying pencil [Exhibit 161(2)] is No. 4 of the list. I produced these things before the Magistrate.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) NISHIKANTA BANERJI.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

Witness No. 298, Nishi Kanta Banerji, on solemn affirmation on 30th June 1910.

I reached the house of Nikunja Behari Saha of Kustia on 26th May 1908 in connection with the Kustia shooting case. He is brother of Kunja Behari Saha who was arrested and tried in the Bomb case. In his sleeping room I found this post-card and this letter (Exhibits Nos. 272-273) written by Jotindra Nath Mukerji of Koya. The search list was destroyed with the record. These (Exhibits 272 and 273) are also signed by the search witnesses. Nimai is the name of Basanta Chatterji's son. Basanta was elder brother of Lalit Chatterji.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) N. K. BANERJI.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Ballantyne, Witness No. 299, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Arthur Ballantyne. I reside at present at Puddopuker police-station, Calcutta, where I am Inspector.

I remember Sub-Inspector Nanda Lal Banerji, who was shot. I investigated the case of his murder and went to the spot. It was on 9th March 1908. One Netu Kurmi, deceased's servant, came to the thana before I went to the spot and gave me certain information. When I got there I found the body of the deceased in Serpentine Lane lying on the road just by the junction of Serpentine Lane and Sepentine 1st Lane opposite a goldsmith's shop, with seven wounds in it—4 in the chest and 3 in the back. It was close to a lamp post. His cousin (Sub-Inspector Sukumar Banerji) identified the body to me. He lived at 102, Serpentine Lane, with Nanda Lal. I sent the body to the *morgue*. This would be about 9 or 10 P.M. I received information at 7-40 P.M. and reached the spot about 7-50 P.M.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) A. Ballantyne.
Inspector, K. Town.
20-6-10.

Witness No. 299, Inspector Ballantyne, on oath, on 29th June 1910, recalled.

I produce the Puddopukur thana (section K Town) case register for 1908. The entry of the murder of Nanda Lal Banerjee, Sub-Inspector, Bengal Police, is here. I made the entry (shows Exhibit 233). The entry is correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) A. Ballantyne.
Inspector, K. Town.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Sukumar Banerji, Witness No. 300, aged about 31 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Sukumar Banerji. My father's name is Anath Nath Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kalighat, police-station Bhawanipur, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Kidderpur, police station Watgunge, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector. I had to assist in investigating cases in 1908 at Muchipara thana when I was in the Criminal Investigation Department. Nanda Lal Banerji was my cousin. He was shot dead in Serpentine Lane, Calcutta, on the 9th November. I was at the time at Muchipara thana and about 7 P.M., my servant, Nathui Kurmi, came and told me. Nathui is now at home in Gaya. Nanda Lal was then living in my house at No. 102, Serpentine Lane. I ran to the place and saw he was dead and found gun shot wounds on his person and blood marks on his clothes. I informed the Commissioner of Police, who came to the spot. The body was removed to the *morgue*. I know Nanda Lal was going to arrest Profulla Chaki, when Profulla committed suicide. In consequence of information given by my cousin, other arrests followed. He got a reward of Rs. 1,000 in the matter of Profulla Chaki.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) S. BANERJI.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Robindra Bhaduri, Witness No. 301, aged about 22 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Robindra Bhaduri. My father's name is Satis Chandra Bhaduri. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Refaitpur, police-station Daulatpur, zilla Nadia. I reside at present at Bhowanipur, police-station—zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Head-constable on the Special Branch.

I know Koya in the Nadia district. It is three or three-half *crosh* from Kushtia. I went there once in 1905. I was educated at the Kushtia Higher English School, leaving school in 1906. Thence I went to Kristanagar, where I was during 1907 in the Registration office. I identify Jotin Babu (shows Jotin Mukerji). I used to know him when I read at Kushtia. To go to his house one has to pass through Kushtia. I know Kunjo Saha of Kustia. There was an *akra* for wrestling and *lathi* play at Kustia. Kunjo Saha himself had started it. I remember Kunjo Saha. Bhobo Bhusan Mitter, Surja Nath Mozumdar were members. Jotin Babu I know went there once or twice. Bhobo Bhusan Mitter was my class friend. He is now in jail under trial in the supplementary bomb case. Kunjo Saha was accused in the bomb case at Alipore and was acquitted. Surja was accused in the shooting case of Mr. Higinbotham. I know Gonesh Das. He was accused in that case too. He went to the *akra* from time to time. I used to go to the *akra* too. At Kristnagar I know Poran Babu and Nibaran Babu and Lalit Babu (shows Suresh Mozumdar, Nibaran Mozumdar and Lalit Kumar Chatterjee). Poran was at the Anglo-Vernacular School at Kristnagar and Nibaran when I was at Kristnagar was Basanto Babu's mohurrir. Basanto Babu is Lalit Babu's elder brother and joint with him. Basanto Babu is now dead and after his death Nibaran was Lalit Babu's mohurrir. I had sometimes (not often) seen Poran and Nibaran going about together. I have seen them both at meetings at the public library—*Swadeshi* meetings and other meetings. I saw them once at a meeting held after the break-up of the Congress at Surat, by the delegates, who returned from there. I was at the meeting. The delegates informed the people at the meeting of the breaking and throwing of the chairs at the Surat meeting. I saw Jotin at Kristnagar, at the time after he had killed the tiger at Koya with a *bhugari* and was returning from hospital, and he used to go about on crutches I saw him watching a football match on the college ground. Wrestling and *lathi* play took place at an *akra* by the Public Library. I saw Surgu Babu playing with boys there. I saw Poran and Nibaran there too.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) Robindro Nath Bhaduri.
Head-Constable, Special Branch,
C. I. D. Calcutta.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Bhaglu Das, Witness No. 302, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Bhaglu Das. My father's name is Jheri. I am by caste Parsi. My home is at mauza Gurustpur Lane, police-station Karya, zilla Calcutta, where I am a *durzi*.

I remember about an Inspector being killed about two years ago. I made a statement then to the police. I was with Bepin Babu and Akbar and was passing on the lane when the Inspector was shot. I was about 16 or 18 yards away when I heard the shots. I then saw three men running. They came from the opposite direction and passed us. Two of them were of ordinary size and the other was bigger. He had his shirt sleeves rolled up. They all ran past us. They stood still when they reached us and then they ran off very fast. We went on and saw a man lying there. In fear we then turned back and came away. Now it is nearly two years and I cannot say if any of these men were there as people change in appearance. The man as he fell cried two or three times *bap*, *bap*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Lakhi Kanta Dandapat, Witness No. 303, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Lakhi Kanta Dandapat. My father's name is Sundar Dandapat. I am by caste Sodgope. My home is at mauza Suknibachi, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I am a cultivator.

I know Chedupada. It is about two miles from my home. I know Babu Bijamber Nandan. He is zemindar of that mauza, and has a *kutchery* there. Sometimes I have to go there on business. I have been to the *kutchery* too. I went there in 1314, and there were 2 or 3 *chogras* there. I went to the *kutchery* to Dharani, the manager, and I saw two or three *bhadralok* boys come to the *kutchery*. They came from the jungle. The manager told me that they had come from Calcutta and had made a house in the jungle and that they would do cultivation. I met one boy once going by the way of Suknibacha towards Phulkusma where there is a bazar and post-office and he told me his name was Rukini Mohan Rai. He said his house was at the *Chatrabhandar*, Calcutta. I know Bishu Dome. He lives at Phulkusuma I saw in his house a number of bows. I asked him why he had made them. He said they were ordered by the Babus at Chedapatar. I once saw a few days after Gopal Bajal. He had some new bows in his hands. He is servant of the *kutchery*. I went to Baukura at the end of 1314 or beginning of 1315; there I heard that Khudi Ram Babu had been hanged. After that I went over to Chedapatar, but there were no babus there then.

The Police searched the *kutchery* in my presence and a list was prepared which I signed. This is my signature [Exhibit 146(*a*)].

I went to the jungle after I had first seen the Babus and there I saw a *garh* surrounded by walls on all sides. No one was there then. There was a well. There was about a *bigha* inside the enclosure. There were five or six *kutaris* inside the wall. Some of them have now fallen down. No one has been there for two years.

I do not identify any one of them here as having been there.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) SRI LAKHI KANTA DANDAPAT. (In Bengali).

The deposition of Keshub Ch. Banerji, Witness No. 304, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate.

My name is Keshub Ch. Banerji. My father's name is Madhusudan Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Pokodi, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I reside at present, where I am a cook at the Chedapathar zemindary *kutchery* for the last four years About 3 or 3½ years ago some Babus came to Chedapukhur. 1st one Rukini Mohan Rai came there and afterwards Lalit Mohan Chakravarti and Radha Charan Babu came there. In all five men came (identifies Lalit Chakravarty). He is shown Naren Bose—says this man went there. He was there 10 or 15 days. I do not know his name. Rukini Babu was there a year. He got fever there and was brought by Lalit to Calcutta. Lalit returned to Chedapukhur after that. Radha Charan Babu is not here. Lalit after his return supervised the coolies who were clearing the land round where the house was. There was a wall all roundwith a well inside. The wall had four gates. These were 50 to 60 *hats* long and 25 feet broad. Lalit stayed at the *kutchery* for his meals This other Babu stayed there too. Lalit was there some time. He left as he got ill. While he was there five people from Calcutta in all came there—Lalit, Radha Charan, Rukini, this man (Naren) and one other. After Lalit left, Radha Charan Babu was there and then corrects and says no—this boy (Naren) was left there alone. Lalit did not return. Lalit left in *Falgun* and this boy (Naren) about a month after. Since 2 or 2½ years the Babus have not been there The *chowras* when there, cultivated, played with *lathis* and when Rukini was there he used to shoot with arrows.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Keshab Chandra Bandopadhyay. (In Bengali).

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Bishu Dome, Witness No. 305, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Bishu Dome. My father's name is Tara Chand Dome. I am by caste Dome. My home is at mauza Phulkusoma, police-station Raipore, zilla Bankura, where I am a basket-maker. I know Lakhi Dandapat. I met him at Phulkusoma at my house. I prepared 5 bows, for which I got a rupee and Gopi Bhajal took them to the Chedapathar *kutchery*. He had asked me to make them and he paid me for them. Lakhi saw me when I was making the bows. This was about three years ago. I never went to Chedapathar myself.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Gopi Bajal, Witness No. 306, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day June 1910.

My name is Gopi Bajal. My father's name is Sodai. I am by caste Bajal. My home is at mauza Chedapathar, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I reside at present and where I am a cultivator. I also work in the zamindary *kutchery* the last four years. Some *bideshi chograe* came there about three years ago. They were like *bodra loks.* I cannot identify any one of them here. One was called Rukini and one was called Radha Charan I know Bishu Dome. I got five bows from him, for Rukini Babu, and I gave them to Rukni Babu. I understood the people came from Calcutta They prepared some land in a plot called Armshud with the jungle. The Babus prepared a *garh* there. They have not been there 2 or 2½ years. The Babus showed a magic lantern there They showed tigers and bears as pictures. I saw Rukini with a bow in his hand. Rupee 1 was paid by Rukini for the 5 bows.

(Sd) H. P Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The depositon of Sristidhar Mahto, Witness No 307, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Sristidhar Mahto. My father's name is Ishan Mahto. I am by caste Mahto. My home is at mauza Ghoradhopa, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura. I am a cultivator. I know the Chedapathar zamindari *kutchery*. I live a *dak* from it. I know the *jungle* called "Amsud." Calcutta babus came there and made a *garh*. I saw Rukini Babu there only. One day one of my buffalos damaged the straw which they had collected for the house. I missed my buffalo and some one told me that Rukini Babu had tied it up. I asked him and Rukini Babu said my buffalo had done him great injury. He said he would send it to the pound but I said I was poor and would suffer damage and asked him to show mercy. I agreed to plough for him two days. So he let my buffalo off. Another time I was near the place with the buffalo and he called me. I said I was afraid of the bears in the *jungle* and of him. He showed me one *astra* (it was a little *bunduk*) and said that it fires 7 or 8 shots at once. I have not seen the Babu there the last 2 years.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

Sristidhar Mahto, Prosecution Witness No. 307, recalled on 20th June 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I identify this man (Hem Sen). I saw him at Chedapakhur. I saw him once.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Dinu Mahto, Witness No. 308, aged about 20 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Dinu Mahto. My father's name is Sadhu Mahto I am by caste Mahto. My home is at mauza Chedapathar, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I am a ploughman.

There was a Babu called Rukini Babu at Chedapathar. He stayed at Nanda Babu's *kutchery* This was about three years ago. He built a house in the Armsud *jungle* and also dug a well Other Babus were there a few days Rukini was chiefly there One of the Babus once told me he was ill and he asked me (I had gone to work for him) for a fowl I gave him a fowl and I prepared it but did not cook it. He paid me one anna and six pies for it. I do not identify any one here.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Narain Mahto, Witness No. 899, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Narain Mahto. My father's name is Rotan Mahto I am by caste Mahto. My home is at mauza Gourdhopa, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I am a labourer.

I used to work at the Chedapukhur *kutchery*. Some Babus came there. Rukini Babu came there. I served him. Naren Babu also came there, and one Lali or Noni. This man (shows Naren Bose) is Naren Babu. I cannot identify any others. They used to cultivate and they built a house. They have not been there the last two years. I served other Babus for a year and then I served Rukni Babu one year. The house was built in Rukni Babu's time. I was in his service when the Babu went to live in the *jungle* I saw they had bows and *lathis* but I saw no guns or small guns with them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Bharat Mahto, Witness No. 310, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of June 1910.

My name is Bharat Mahto. My father's name is Bindu Mahto. I am by caste Mahto. My home is at mauza Gouradhupa, police-station Raipur, zilla Bankura, where I reside at present, and where I am a cultivator.

My village is next to Chedapathar and is quite close. I am a tenant of Dijambar Nandan. I go at times to the *kutchery*. I went there in *Magh* or *Phalgun* 3 years ago, and then I saw a *bideshi* Babu. Dharani Babu asked him saying Rukini Babu, give him your *chillam*. Dharani Babu told me Rukini Babu came from Calcutta.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
20-6-10.

The deposition of Amar Kristna Deb, Witness No. 811, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Amar Kristna Deb. My father's name is Abhoy Krista Deb I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Panchagram, Police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas where I am a school master, Diamond Harbour Higher English School.

I am a relative of the Raj family of Sova Bazar. It was about I think 1905 or 1906 that a *sanyasi* came to our village and he stayed at our house. He was there about a month His name was Swami Sachidananda He wore a *bala* on each arm on the wrist. He used to do *sankritan*. He was a Boishnab. I know Netra but I do not know Lalit Chakrabarty. I do not know if any one came to see him. He used to spend the day singing and reading. His real name was Hari Mohon Rai Choudhury, a Brahmin of Dacca. I can't say where he is now, but he used to stay at Brindaban I saw him last at Brindaban about a year ago I am his disciple He instructs me in *sankritan*. By *sankritan* I mean singing aloud the name of Bhogaban. I have been his disciple since he stayed at our house Others of my village became his disciples. He wrote letters to me too. He also taught Adoration to the *Mother*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6 10.

(Sd.) Amar Krishno Dev.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10

The deposition of Jyotindra Nath Rai Choudhury, Witness No. 312, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Jyotindra Nath Rai Choudhury. My father's name is Gnanendra Chandra Rai Choudhury. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Rarali, Police-station Paikgacha, Zilla Kalna I reside at present at Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a law student. My father is a pleader there I am a law student of the Ripon College. I identify Bimola Charan Deb. I read with him at the Presidency College and the Ripon College. I have at times seen his writing. This post card (Exhibit 168) was written to me by him and I know it to be in his handwriting. I gave this to Sarat and Anukul Babu of the police. The English writing as well as Bengali is in his handwriting. I am not certain whether the Bengali writing in Exhibit 45 shown to me is in his hand or not. The writing in Exhibit 47 is like his handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

(Sd.) JATINDRA NATH RAY CHOUDHURY.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-1910.

The deposition of Joseph D'Costa, Witness No. 313, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Joseph D'Costa. I reside at present in Mauza 4, Biparitola Lane, Police-station Wellington Square, Zilla Caloutta, where I am Sub-Auditor, Deputy Accountant General of Post Offices. This paid money order form (Exhibit 169) I produced as a sub-pœna before Mr. Birley about 2 years ago. Money-orders issued in Bengal and paid in Bengal came to our office for audit, irrespective of the amount. They come directly from the postmaster to our office.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd). Joseph D'Costa.
23-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

The deposition of Soilendra Nath Sircar, Witness No. 314, aged about 31 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Soilendra Nath Sirkar. My father's name is Upendra Chandra Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza 77-4, Muktaram Babu's Street, Calcutta, where I am delivery clerk, Simla Post office. This letter (Exhibit 170) was produced by me before Mr. Birley in the Alipore Bomb Case. Under orders of Government, letters to the *Jugantar*, were intercepted. This letter was not intercepted; it was sent to the Postmaster.

This (Exhibit 171) I also produced before Mr. Birley, also this (Exhibit 172) and this (Exhibit 173) and this (Exhibit 174). I acted under the instructions conveyed in these letters.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

(Sd). Saylendra Nath Sircar.
23-6-10

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

The deposition of Tripura Charan Mukherji, Witness No. 315, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additiona Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Tripura Charan Mukherji. My father's name is Girish Chandra Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Kaichal, Police-station Munshigunge, Zulla Dacca. I reside at present at Bogra where I am officiating Superintendent of Police. I searched the house of Nikuleswar Rai at Damrai, in Dacca District, on 3rd July 1908 He was not present. His mother left when I entered the house, but a young man, a relative of his was present.

I made a list of the things I found. This (Exhibit 179) is the list. I signed it. So did the witnesses. Among the things found was this (Exhibit 180). It is I. A. of the list. I made over the things found in the search to the Superintendent of Police, Dacca. I gave evidence before Mr. Birley and the Sessions Judge in the Aliporo Bomb Case and deposed to finding this document.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

(Sd.) TRIPURA CHARAN MUKHERJI,
D. S. P., Bogra.
23-6-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Narendra K. Mullik, Witness No. 316, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Narendra Kumar Mullik. My father's name is Abinash Charan Mullik. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza 66, Ram Kanta Bose's Street, Zilla Calcutta, where I reside at present and where I am Inspector of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Bengal. I was present during the time of the trial of the Alipore Bomb Case almost daily in the Courts of Mr. Birley and Mr. Beachcroft. I know Sub-Inspector Nanda Lal Banerji. He came to the court of Mr. Birley to give evidence in August 1908. I saw him in his court in August 4 or 5 times. I do not remember if I saw him in the Sessions Court. In Mr. Birley's court he gave evidence in my presence. He is dead. I attended his cremation.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23.6.10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

(Sd.) NARENDRA K. MULLICK,
Inspector.
23-6-10.

Inspector N. K. Mullic, Prosecution Witness No. 316, on solemn affirmation, recalled on 11th July 1910.

THESE two documents, 159 and 160, also this 158 and these 310—314, were received by me from the Calcutta Police. I produced them before Mr. Denham. I received them in a sealed packet. I checked the search list which came with them and I know these documents were in that list.
This (Exhibit 274) is the list.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7 10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) NARENDRA K. MULLICK,
Inspector.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Gnanendra Nath Sirkar, Witness No. 317, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Gnanendra Nath Sirkar. My father's name is Bolai Chand Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha My home is at 4 Raja's Lane, Calcutta. I am Sub-Inspector of Police at Deoghur. In 1907, 1908 and 1909 I was at 4 Raja's Lane I was living there in May 1908. It is my family home. I have 3 brothers, Manindra, Fanindra and Bhupendra. Manindra is 21, Fanindra 19 and Bhupendra 18. Bhupendra was then living at 4 Raja's Lane. I identify Taranath Rai Choudhury. In September or October 1907, he was introduced to me by some of my friends. I took him to my house as private tutor for Bhupendra. He lived at my house and taught him. He was there 6 or 7 months and then he left saying he was going to live with his brother. He left clothing and utensils behind He used to come still at times to my place, and once he brought a box in the 1st week of May 1908 and he told me to keep it. I kept the box with his other things in my room. As far as I remember he told me there was printing types in the box. This is the box (XLVII). It was locked. On 19th May 1908 my house was searched by the Police. One day Taranath had come to my house in my absence and Bhupendra had told me he had seen him take out 2 revolvers from this box and so my father told me to go and tell Babu Soshi Bhushan De, Inspector I then told the police the same day and the house was searched the next day. Babu Purna Ch. Lahiri did the search and this box was opened in my presence and all these revolvers, cartridges etc., were found in it. A list was prepared and these articles were taken away by Purna Babu. I was put under arrest and taken to the Commissioner of Police and thence to Royd Street, and the next day released on bail. Taranath was tried recently before the High Court and was convicted and sentenced in my presence. Taranath was absconding since 1908. The police took me to several places to look for Taranath.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) J. N. Sirkar,
Sub-Inspector, Police-station Deoghur
23-6-10.

The deposition of Bhupendra Nath Sarkar, Witness No 318, aged about 18 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Bhupendra Nath Sarkar. My father's name is Bolai Chand Sarkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at 4 Raja's Lane, Caoutta. I am employed as clerk in the firm of Kettlewell Bullen. Gnanendra is my elder brother. I identify Taranath Rai Choudhury. He was my tutor in 1908 for 7 or 8 months. Then he left. One day after he left I saw him. He came and brought a box like this (Exhibit XLVII). Another day he came and opened the box in my presence and took out 2 revolvers. I told my elder brother of this. Taranath had come and told me he wanted to open the box and so I went up to where it was with him, and he opened it in my presence. The next day the police came and broke open the box, and saw what was in it and made a list and put the things back into the box and took it away. There was a case over this against Taranath, and I gave evidence. The writing in these letters (Exhibits 170-174) is like Taranath's writing.

Cross-examined.—I do not know any one else in the room. I never saw Taranath with revolver at my house except on the one occasion I have mentioned. When Taranath lived with us, he had no such box as this with him.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
23-6-10.

(Sd.) Bhupendra Nath Sirkar.

The deposition of Ajir Bux Singh, Witness No. 319, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Ajir Bux Singh. My father's name is Hardut Singh. I am by caste Chettri. My home is at Mauza Mawapur, Police-station Rounai, Zilla Faizabad. I reside at present at Barra Bazar Police-station, Calcutta, where I am Head-constable. Two years ago, I was a Head-constable at Maniktola. My duty was to go on rounds within my *elaka*. No. 32, Muralipukur Road was in my *elaka*. I came to Maniktola from Ultadingi on transfer on 1st April. During April, I went to 32, Muralipukur 4 or 5 times. I used to see sometimes a large number of *sadhus*, *sanyasis* of all ages. They wore *gerua*. I saw them staying there in the day time. I identified some of them to the Magistrate at Alipore. I talked to one of them once. He told me the place was only for *sanyasis* who use God's name and I had no business to come here.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) ILLEGIBLE.

The deposition of Bhubaneswar Dutt, Witness No. 320, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 23rd day of June 1910.

My name is Bhubaneswar Dutt. My father's name is Umesh Chander Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Bankura, where I am comparing clerk of the Bankura Collectorate. I am a clerk in the Record-room. I produce the attendance register kept in the Record-room of 1908-09. The Record-keeper keeps it.

I know Ram Das Chakarvarti, who is up to now one of the copyists under me. I keep this register showing the distribution of work. He was absent from the 13th June 1909. My register shows I gave him no work after the 9th until the 21st (Exhibit 181). There are 4 copyists under me. We enter each one our time of arrival and departure in the attendance register.

Exhibit 181.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
23-6-10.

(Sd.) BHUBONESWAR DUTT.
23-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Oonvala, Witness No. 321, aged years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is M. F. Oonvala. I reside at present at Calcutta, 72, Dharmatolla Street, where I am Registrar, Financial and Municipal Departments, Bengal Secretariat.

I know Jotindra Nath Mukherji, short-writer and typist of the Financial Secretary. He also at times helps the Under-Secretary. As I am Registrar he is under me and any application for leave in the ordinary course of business would come to me. This (Exhibit 182) is an application for leave. I think it is in his handwriting. From what knowledge I have of his handwriting, I believe this to be in his handwriting. This (Exhibit 182) comes from my office, and it bears my endorsement. I do not remember to whom I made it over. I identify Jotindra Nath Mukherji.

I cannot say whether this [Exhibit 34 (1)] is in his handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) M. F. Oonvala.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Shyama Ch. De, Witness No. 322, aged about 31 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Shyama Ch. De. My father's name is Iswar Chandra De. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Beliakhund, police-station Goalundo, Zilla Faridpore. I reside at present at 18, Sirkar's Lane, Calcutta, where I am a compounder, Victoria Pharmacy. I know one Sishir Bose. I have known him for some time and recently he stayed at our house. That is about a month ago. He was there 15 days. He is son of Ashutosh Bose. I only know him by the name of Sishir Babu. He used to stay with his uncle at the Asamani thana in district Chaibassa. His uncle was Sub-Inspector of Police there. There was at our house a *chogra* with him called Fanindra. I cannot say if he was also called Santi. Ashutosh Babu is a pleader.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Shyama Ch. De.

The deposition of Surendra Nath Sen, Witness No. 323, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Surendra Nath Sen. My father's name is Upendra Nath Sen. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza 18, Sirkar's Lane, Calcutta, where I am owner of the Victoria Pharmacy at 57, Cornwallis Street. Shyama Charan De works in my pharmacy. I know Sishir Babu. He is son of Ashutosh Bose who is a vakil of Alipore and employed in the estate of the Maharaja of Cossim Bazar. His younger brother (Ramendra Babu) is married to my sister. Five months ago our family all went to Deoghar as we were suffering from *beri-beri* and we returned about 3 months ago. When I returned I found Sishir staying at my house. He remained about a fortnight or 20 days and then went away. I have seen Phanindra Babu at my house but I do not know him personally. He used to come with Sishir. I asked Sishir who he was and he said he was his friend and as Sishir is a relation I could not object to him coming to stay at our house. He called him Phani Babu. When the police came to search our house to see if Phani was there, then I came to know he was also called Santi. In the search at my house some letters were taken away.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) SURENDRA NATH SEN.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Babu A. N. Mitra, Witness No. 324, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Akhoy Narain Mitter. I reside at present at 5, Badur Bagan Lane, Calcutta. I am Sub-Deputy Collector attached to the Howrah district. On 23rd April I was ordered by the District Magistrate, Howrah, to attend at the search of a tank in Choudhuripara. The search began from the 24th. For 9 days the search went on. There was 2 or 3 feet of water in the tank on the 24th. With their hands the coolies then searched the mud at the bottom of the tank throughout the bed. On that day nothing was found in that tank. To the neighbouring tank I went with the C. I. D. Inspector Ram Kumar Singh and there a fisherman produced a *bhujali* from the water saying he caught it in the net in the morning and had meanwhile kept it under water. This tank is less than a quarter of a mile from the other tank. In the 9 days 5 keys were found out—each was found on a separate day. A search list was prepared each day and signed by me on the spot. These are 4 of the lists (183, 184, 185, 186). I believe these 5 are the keys XXXIX, XL, XLIX, L, and LI. They were kept by Inspector Ram Kumar Singh. This *bhujali* (Exhibit XLVIII) is the one found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Akhoy Narain Mitra.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Hari Mohan Chatterji, Witness No. 325, aged about 62 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Hari Mohon Chatterji. My father's name is Kali Pada Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Shibpur, police-station Shibpur, Zillah Howrah, where I am a pensioner of the Calcutta Corporation. I identify Bhuban and Bhutan Mukherji. They live in Shibpur in another *para* to mine. One day about 1½ or 2 years ago one man in simple dress and another in mourning came to my house. The latter told me he was a *bideshi* person and was in difficulties and he had come to throw the bones of his father into the Ganges. I asked him what he meant by coming there and who brought them and they said Dinu Mukherji's sons had sent them there to sleep. I don't know whether he said Bhutan or Bhuban had left them there. I told them to go away but my maternal uncle said "they are in distress. They will only be here 4 or 5 hours; let them stay here." In the morning they went away. I did not speak to Bhuban or Bhutan about this afterwards." I do not identify this Babu (Sati Ganguli). He might have been the Babu who came to my house about 1 or 1½ months ago. There were two people with the Babu who came and one said to me "Do you not remember that I came to your house one night and you were annoyed"? I do not identify this man (Jotindra Hazra) as the man. It was not this man, as the man who asked me this had a few grey hairs on his head and was not like this man.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Hari Mohan Chatterji.

The deposition of Chandra Kiron Sen, Witness No. 326, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Chandra Kiron Sen. My father's name is Isher Chandra Sen. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Bhangabari, police-station Allapara, Zilla Pabna. I reside at present in mauza Rajshahi, where I am assistant head master, Bholanath Academy, Rajshahi. I know this man Manmatha Biswas (shows). I also know Bhupendra Narain Roy Chowdhury. I made over the attendance register of the 10th year class (formerly called 1st class) to the Police. This is the book. Exhibit 187. It was kept under my supervision in the absence of the head master.

Bhupendra was a boy in our school. He read in the lower classes and he left after appearing in the Entrance Examination.

This book shows that Bhupendra was absent from school on the 26th, 27th, 28th November 1908. [Entry Exhibit 187 (1)].

The Technical School took a building close to the Academy. This building had been built for the purpose of a boarding house for the Academy, but it was let out by the proprietor to the Technical School boys for messing. I have seen Manmatha exercising there in the compound of the building; also I saw Bhupendra. I know Bijoy Chakravarti (identifies him). He was in service in the School. I think he was 3rd pundit or 5th assistant for about a year.

These (Exhibits 188, 189, 190) are in Bijoy's handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Chandra Kiron Sen.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Kali Prosanna Sirkar, Witness No. 327, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Kali Prosanna Sirkar. My father's name is Haladhar Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Rampore Boalia, police-station Rampore Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am a school master of the Bholanath Academy. I know Bhupendra Nath Rai Chowdhurry. He was a student of our school. This (187) is the attendance register. I recorded the entry "S" over the entries of his absence [Exhibit 187 (1)]—in accordance with his leave application which he made after his return.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*].

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Kali Prasanna Sarkar,
25-6-10.

The deposition of Kanti Chandra Kabyatirtha, Witness No. 328, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Kanti Chandra Kabyatirtha. My father's name is Prosonna Kumar Goutom. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kotalipara, police-station Kotwali, Zilla Faridpore. I reside at present in mauza Rampore Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am head pundit of the Bholanath Academy. I entered the attendance of 1st class. I entered the "a" for the absence of Bhupendra Nath Rai Choudhury—[Exhibit 183-(1)].

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Kanti Chandra Kabyatirtha (*in Bengali.*)
25-6-10.

The deposition of Mohim Chandra Chakravarti, Witness No. 329, aged about 54 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Mohim Chandra Chakravarti. My father's name is Abhoya Charan Chakravarti. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kamalkhara, police-station Rajabari, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present at Benares, where I am on leave. I usually work in a printing press.

Before I was at Benares I was at Bankipore for 34 years. I was first a compositor in the Bihar Herald Press. Nine years ago I became the printer and publisher of the *Bihar Herald*. From that press was also issued another paper called—*Motherland*. It was first issued about 4 years ago. It lasted about 2 years. Its editor, manager and printer was Fanindra Nath Mitra. The proprietor was Dr. J. N. Mitra. One Satis Sarkar also assisted on the paper sometime after it was started. Fanindra and Satis used to live in the proprietor's house. This (Exhibit 191) copy of the paper issued from our press, and Satis Sarkar the man I referred to is the man mentioned in the Manager's notice [Exhibit 191(1)]. The proprietor used at times to come and see if the paper was being brought out right or not. He paid the *Bihar Herald* press Rs. 400 per annum for printing the paper. I know one Sachindra Nath Bose of Bankipore. He used to come occasionally to the press to ask for copies of the paper. Fanindra is now in jail. I do not know where Satis is. I saw him last last *puja* at Benares—at the house of Rani Haimabati Debya, at 14, Mansar Bora. I work there as a mohurrir, since I have been in Benares. I have been there about a year.

I know Sarat Chandra Khan, a Calcutta High Court vakil of 167, Cornwallis Street. He was then staying at Rani Haimabati's house there and Satis saw him there. Sarat Babu is nephew of the Rani. I have not seen Satis since. I do not know this man (Srish Sirkar).

Cross-examined.—Satis only came to see Sarat Khan.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Mohim Chandra Chakravarti (*in Bengali*)
25-6-10.

The deposition of Basanta Sarkar, Witness No. 330, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Basanta Sirkar. My father's name is Girish Chandra Sirkar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Rajshahi. I am now living at Bogra, where I am compositor of the Jewel Press. The proprietor of the press is Mobarak Ali Choudhuri, but the press is kept in his wife's name. Formerly I was at Nattore, where I worked in the Kalidass Press as printer. Durga Prosanno Mittra and Sarat Chandra Bannerji were the proprietors of that press. I left there the *Boishak* before last. I then worked as a clerk in the shop of Koilash Saha. Sirish Sirkar I know. He is son of Girish Doctor of Natore (identifies) He once brought a boy to me and asked me as they were going to start a press to work in it. I said I would if I was paid. The boy he came with is this one (shows Lalit Chakravarti). I have seen him from time to time at Sirish's *basa*, *i.e.*, Girish Doctor's dispensary.

[*No cross-examination.*]

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) BASANTA KUMAR SIRKAR,
25-6-10.

The deposition of Ranga Nath Mozumdar, Witness No. 331, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Ranga Nath Mozumdar. My father's name is Mothura Nath Mozumdar. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Astamoneshwar, police-station Chatmaha, Zilla Pabna. I reside at present in Rajshahi where I am school master of the Bholanath Academy. I know and identify Bijoy Chakravarty (identifies). He was formerly in the Edward Seminary. He left that and joined the Bholanath Academy for a short time. I can identify his writing. He was also a teacher in our school. In this attendance register (Exhibit 192)—8th class all sections—he has entered the names of the boys Nos. 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, among others. In Exhibits 188 and 189 I identify Bijoy's signature. I do not think the signature in Exhibit 190, is his.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

[*No cross examination*].

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) RANGA NATH MAZUMDAR.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Giribala Dasi, Witness No. 332, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Giribala Dasi. My father's name is Mothur Biswas. I am by caste Koibarto. My home is at Mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Rampur Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I have a hotel. I keep books in which I show meals taken by people. I gave my book to the Daroga Babu. This (Exhibit 193) is it. My Brahmin cook has come to give evidence. My book is written up by different people from time to time. Brindaban Mozumdar is one of the people who write it up. I identify Bidhu Biswas. He used to eat at my hotel. I can not clearly identify any else. One Monmatha used to eat at times at my hotel.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination*].

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Brindaban Mozumdar, Witness No. 383, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Brindaban Mozumdar. My father's name is Nobin Chandra Mozumdar. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Daulatpur, police-station Daulatpur, Zilla Nadia, where I have land. I know Giribala who has just given evidence. She has a hotel at Rampur Boalia. I have written her books for her I only write them for her when I am there. In this page (Exhibit 193) I have written the heading and parts of the entries below. I cannot say which. The hotel keeper used to tell who ate or not and so I wrote in according to her statement. A "o" means a person did not eat at all. "Eight annas" means one meal, and "one rupee," two meals. I regularly eat and stay in the hotel. The Bidhu Bhusan entered in the book is Bidhu Bhusan Biswas. It is some time since I saw him. He is like this boy (shows Hari Das Chakravarty.) I identify Manmatha Nath Biswas. I have seen him at Rajshahi. He fed at times in the hotel.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Brindaban Chandra Mozumdar (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Binode Thakur, Witness No. 334, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Binode Thakur. My father's name is Fakir Adhikari. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kodamdari, police-station Patamandai, Zilla Cuttack. I reside at present at Rajshahi where I am a cook of Giribala's hotel. I think I know this man (shows Manmatha). I have seen him at times at the hotel.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Elahi Bux Sheik, Witness No. 335, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Elahi Bux. My father's name is Doso Sheik. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Ramchandrapur, Police-station Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi. I am a postman of Rajshahi. I know the handwriting of Bhupendra Rai Chaudhuri. He signed these receipts for his grandmother in my presence [Exhibits 194 (1)—(3].

I identify Ramapoda Mukherji.

This too (Exhibit 221) is I think in Bhupendra's handwriting. I have known him for a long time and have often seen him write and I was peon of the part where he lives.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) ILLEGIBLE.

READ over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Chandi Ch. Mukherji, Witness No. 336, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Chandi Charan Mukherji. My father's name is Kali Prosonno Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Halisahar, Police-station Naihati, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am Inspector, C. I. D. I identify Bimola Deb. Last year in October I was in Darjeeling. I saw him there then. He arrived there about the middle of October. He stayed in the house of Doctor Bepin Behari Sarkar. He came away about the same time as Lalit left there. He was there more than two weeks. He left on 1st or 2nd November. I was watching him, so I knew. I did not see him after the 2nd.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) C. C. MUKHERJEE.
Inspector.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Hamilton, Witness No. 337, aged about years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Walter Knight Drummond Hamilton. I reside at Fenwick Bazar thana, Calcutta, where I am Inspector in charge. I was present at the search at 134, Harrison Road, on 2nd May 1908. The portion of the house we searched was 2 Kabiraja' shops, divided by a partition on the ground floor. This is one of the documents I found [Exhibit 195]. I marked it as *N* and Mr. Bowen signed it. It was produced in the Alipore Bomb case. This is the search list prepared by me at the time (Exhibit 196). This document was found in the place belonging to Nogendra Nath Gupta.

There was a prosecution under sections 19 and 20 of the Arms Act in the court of Mr. Justice Rampini against 6 persons—Ullashkur Dutt, Asoke Chandra Nundi, Dharani Nath Sen Gupta, Nagendra Nath Gupta, Bijoy and a 6th man.

Ullashkar, Dharani Nath and Nogendra Nath Gupta were convicted. I was present at the time.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) W. K. D. Hamilton.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Frizzoni, Witness No. 338, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Julius Lorenzo Frizzoni. I reside at Calcutta where I am in the Calcutta C. I. D.

On 1st May 1908 I was Inspector in charge of Waterloo Street thana. About 9 P. M. that night I was called to the Commissioner's house and was deputed to search 32, Muralipukur Road, in Maniktolla and to take with me 10 European sergeants and 50 armed Police as I was told there were several men there, perhaps with fire-arms and bombs. I was to arrest the people found there and search the place and take charge of all arms, etc., found there. I arranged with Mr. Corbett, the assistant to the Inspector-General, Bengal Police, to meet me at Waterloo Street thana at 2 A.M. on the 2nd May. I sent for Sub-Inspectors Satis Rai and Shamsuddin to come to the thana and I arranged for the rest of the Police to be present. We started punctually at 2 A.M. and went down and surrounded the garden and the two houses about 4 or 5 A M. I then arrested 14 men in one house and Mr. Corbett arrested 2 *malis* in another house. I took charge of a considerable amount of arms, ammunition and bombs as well as letters, papers and books. Most of what was found was produced before the court at Alipur. Among the articles found is this (Exhibit 197). The names of the persons arrested there were entered in the search list. This (Exhibit 198) was found there too and these (Exhibits 199 and 200), also these (Exhibit 201) and (Exhibit 202),—(a manual for instruction in bomb-making with a cyclostyle copy),—which were found in a zinc box with several revolvers, moulds, etc., which was under a piece of ground which I considered was marked for wrestling, at a depth of about 2 or 3 feet. The box was about 18 inches square.

In the garden were arrested Barindra K. Ghose, Sishir K, Ghose, Nalini K. Gupta, Hemendra Nath Ghose, Narendra K. Buxi, Purna Ch. Sen, Bibhuti B. Sirkar, Sachindra K. Sen, Bijoy C. Nag, Kunja Lal Saha, Ullaskar Dutt, Indra B. Roy, Poresh N. Mullick Gupta and Opendra Nath Banerji.

These plans [Exhibits 203(1)—(15)] were also found in the garden in the zinc box where the Manual was found. I also found this (Exhibit 204, a rough plan of Mozaffarpur) in the kitchen of the garden house where the men were arrested. I also found this book containing pages of account (marked 205).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) J. L. Frizzoni.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Ram Kumar Singh, Witness No. 339, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Ram Kumar Singh. My father's name is Seubalak Singh. I am by caste Chettri. My home is at Mauza Garbeta, Police-station Garbeta, Zilla Midnapore. I reside at present at Howrah where I am C. I. D. Inspector.

I was present at the search of a tank in Choudhuripara, Sibpur, on 22nd April. That day Sub-Deputy Magistrate M. C. Ghose was with me and on that day a tin cylinder closed at one end, a brass lock made by Bonomali of Titaghur and a pen knife were found. On 24th Babu A. N. Mitra was present and one Purna Jelia produced this *bhujali* (Exhibit XLVIII) from the Mukerjipara tank. On 29th April one key was found. On 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th, four other keys were found. These are the keys (Exhibits :— XXXIX, XL, XLIX, L and LI). I made them over to Mr. Batabyal. I prepared search list (Exhibits 183—186 shown). I was Inspector of Bankura (sadar) in 1906. Just before the *pujas* some boys headed by Ramdas Chakrabarty tampered with the free sale and purchase of sweets and *bilati* clothes. They assaulted people and snatched away their articles by force and they broke a barber's English razor. I reported for his being bound down under section 107 and he was bound down by the District Magistrate in my presence.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Ram Kumar Singh.
Inspector.
25-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Bisseswar Karmakar, Witness No. 340, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Bisseswar Karmakar. My father's name is Ram Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at Mauza Nattore, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am blacksmith at Nattore.

I know Bijoy Chakrabarty. I have a blacksmith shop on the road side. One day he was going along the road and he asked me if I could repair revolvers. This was about eight months ago. I said I could make repairs if he showed me a license. He went off. I have a permit from the Magistrate to repair fire-arms.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Biseswar Karmakar. (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Jogeswar Karmakar, Witness No. 341, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Jogeswar Karmakar. My father's name is Thakurdas Karmakar. I am by caste Karmakar. My home is at mauza Bahadurpur, police-station Daulatpur, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present at Dighapatya Rajbari, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am a blacksmith under the Raj. My *bhai* is Nobin Chandra Karmakar. He used to serve the Raj and now gets pension. I know Bijoy Kumar Chakrabarty. One or two days before the *Bijoya* day he had given two pistols to my elder brother to be repaired, but he could not repair them, so my *bhai* handed them over to me to give to Bijoy and these two pistols I handed over to Bijoy the next day, or one or two days after the *Bijoya* day. These two (LIII and LIV) are the two.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

The deposition of Dhirendra Dutt Gupta, Witness No. 342, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 25th day of June 1910.

My name is Dhirendra Dutt Guptta. My father's name is Uma Charan Dutt Gupta. I am by caste Baidya. My home is at mauza Balligoun, police-station Munshigunge, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present at 13, Mohesh Barik's Lane, Narkaldanga, 24-Parganas, where I am a clerk in the Co-operative Hindustan Bank at 14, Hare Street. In December and January last I stayed at 61, Mirzapore Street, which is a building attached to an hotel. 61-1 is where we took our meals. I was then in Messrs. Tosh & Co. Birendra was my brother. He has been hanged. During December and January he was nursing people. He used to like to nurse people. I was the whole day in office and got home at 8 or 8-30 P.M. At that time he did not come at night. He used to come at 8 or 9 A.M., and take his meal and I used to see him before I went to office. He told me he was nursing a patient in the Grey Street direction; not what the patient was suffering from. I asked who he was but he only said you do not know him. He was with that patient over a month. Before that he had been to the Sundarbans and was there 1½ months in *Assar* and *Sraban* at the time of the religious convention in Calcutta. At that time, he and I had been and were at home. He came back from the Sundarbans after me. He had gone to the land of the Young Men's Zemindari Urban Society. Birendra was younger than me. He came to read here, and was admitted in the Bengal Technical School where he read three or four months. None of his friends as far as I saw came to see him. I had to maintain him. I have a younger brother too.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
25-6-10.

(Sd.) Dhirendra Nath Dutt Gupta.

The deposition of Kedar Nath Gossain, Witness No. 343, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Kedar Nath Gossain. My father's name is Kasi Chandra Gossain. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Hagulia, Police-station Nattoro, Zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present, and where I am Personal Assistant to the Dighapati Estate's Manager. I know Bijoy Chakravarty who was godown clerk of the Raj. He had, as such, charge of farashkhana at the *Thakurbari*. His office too was at the *Thakurbari*. He kept the keys of his office. When he was not there it was kept locked, and he kept the keys himself. He had no assistant. When his house was searched I was present. The District Superintendent of Rajshahi and the Nattore thana Sub-Inspectors—Piari Kumar Burdhan and Sarat Kanta Biswas, were present too. This was on the 6th January. The Police took possession of a "Bengali" *chitti*, a tin of vaseline and a catalogue of R. B. Rodda. There was a case against him in the Rajshahi Sessions Court and I gave evidence. The case was under the Arms Act. I identified these things in that court. There was a search list which I signed. The letter found was in Bijoy's handwriting. I know his writing as I have very often seen it. After the search the District Superintendent of Police took away the things I have mentioned. About 1 P.M. I saw the manager at his house. His name is Tarini Charan Chatterji. I saw Bijoy there with him. Bijoy went off after 2 or 4 minutes. I remained there on business. The manager told me he had received the keys of the office-room of Bijoy from the District Magistrate of Rajshahi. If I got information I was to tell him (*i.e.*, the manager); and he said Bijoy had asked him for the key, as he had some very important business in the room, and that he had told Bijoy he would not return him the keys without the Magistrate's permission—and that Bijoy had then said "It is fatal" (*sanghatik*). The manager asked me if he ought to write to the District Magistrate, or go to himself. I advised him at once to go in a *garri*, and he went off. In the evening the Magistrate returned with the Superintendent and searched. I was not there.

Articles detained in High Court to-day.
(Sd.) H. P Duval.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Kedar Nath Goswami.

Kedar Nath Gossain, Prosecution Witness No. 343, recalled on 11th July 1910, on solemn affirmation.

I know Bijoy Chakarvarty's Bengali handwriting. This (Exhibit 296) is his handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over and admitted to be correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Kedar Nath Goswami.

The deposition of Prosanna Kumar Dutt, Witness No. 344, aged about 58 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Prosanna Kumar Dutt. My father's name is Ram Sunder Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Joynabad, Police-station Kuarkali, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in Mauza Dighapatia, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am mohurrir of the *Debottur* estate of the Raj. I know Bijoy Kumar Chakravarti. He was mohurrir of the godown of the farashkhana in the *thakurbari* and he had his office there. He kept the keys of it. I have my office on the left and he on the right, as one enters the *Debalya*. My office is about 15 cubits from his. I remember the 22nd *Poush* last. That day the naib of the *Devseba*, Bhowani Nath Tolapatra, gave me a chit to take to the manager for his signature. The manager signed it and handed it to me and I took it to Bijoy. The Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police and the Nattore Magistrate had come there to make an investigation and they wanted the keys of Bijoy's office-room. Bijoy had locked the office and gone home with the keys. Bijoy when I took the letter brought out the keys and gave them to me. I took the keys to where the *Shahibs* were sitting with the manager. The manager ordered me to open the door. I did so and then went back to my office. This was at 10-30 or 11. Bijoy's house is less than a mile from the office. I know Bijoy's handwriting, as I see all the bills for illumination for *pujas* in my office. I in the Sessions Court identified his writing.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Prasanna Kumar Datta. (*in Bengali*).

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Sarat Kanta Biswas, Witness No. 345, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Sarat Kanta Biswas. My father's name is Rajani Kanta Biswas. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Bishebetka, Police-station Tangail, Zilla Mymensingh. I reside at present at Nattore, Police-station , Zilla Rajshahi, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police.

I know the house of Bijoy Chakravarti at Hajuria was searched on the 6th January last, in the presence of Mr. Mawson, District Superintendent of Police, Piari Kumar Burdhan, my senior Sub-Inspector, and others. Kedar Nath Gosain and Anath Babu were also there. We found a tin of vaseline, a catalogue of R D. Rhodda and a Bengali letter. A search list was prepared and I and the witnesses and *Shahib* signed it. They were filed in the Court of Sessions and I identified them. Three or four editions of the *Gita* and portraits of Arabinda Ghose and Bal Gangadhar Tilak, and a picture of *Matrimurti* representing India, and some copies of the *Yugantar* were also in the house. We did not take possession of them.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sarat Kanta Biswas.
S.-I.
27-6-10.

The deposition of Gangadhar Bhattacharyya, Witness No. 346, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Gangadhar Bhattacharyya. My father's name is Gurudas Bhattacharyya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mouza Nattore, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present in Mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-station Rampore Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am a typist in the Judge's Court.

I know Bijoy Chakrabarty, as he used to live at my house at Rajshahi. He was living with me in 1904 and from then for about four years. He was first a student and then a master at the Bholanath Academy. I know his handwriting. Exhibit 189 contains his signature and the words "Your most obedient servant" in his handwriting. Exhibit 190 is not his handwriting. In Exhibit 188 the signature only is in his handwriting. The rest is in the handwriting of my younger brother, Purna Chandra Bhattacharyya. I think he left in November or December 1908 and after that did not return to Rajshahi. The body of the letter (Exhibit No. 190) is in the handwriting of Shibprosad Bhattacharyya, my brother's brother-in-law, who lives in our *basha*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Gongadas Bhattacherji.

The deposition of Baburali Promanik, Witness No. 347, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Baburali Poramanik. My father's name is Kismut Poramanik. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Raita, Police-station Damukdia, Zilla Nadia, where I reside at present, where I am in the service of Atit Ram Saha, as his tahsildar. In *Aghran* 1315, there was a dacoity in the house of my master. I gave information of the same to the police at Damukdia thana. At the time of the dacoity I was at my own house about one mile off my master's. I came to my master's house early in the morning; the dacoits had gone. I found that the boxes had been broken. Atit is dead He has two minor children of 13 or 14 and 8 or 9. There were only women besides in the house. I was told that ornaments and cash were taken away after breaking open the portmanteaus, boxes and iron safe. I understood that dacoits were *badraloks* wearing socks and shirts and watches. I went off and informed at the thana. This is the information which I signed. (Exhibit No. 222).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sri Baburali Pramanik (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Gour Gopal Shaha, Witness No. 348, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Gour Gopal Saha. My father's name is Kali Nath Saha. I am by caste Saha. My home is at Mauza Raita, Police-station Damukdia, Zilla Nadia, where I am manager for the estate of Atit Ram Saha. Atit is dead. He has left two minor sons. There was a dacoity in their house in *Aghran* 1315. I was not there at the time of the dacoity. I arrived about ½ hour after. A widow, who lives in a house near Atit's, gave me information and I came. I married one of Atit's daughters. On arrival I found the door broken and the *tala* also broken, also iron safe cut open. I sent Baburali, our *gomastha*, to give information. I prepared this list (Exhibit 323) of the stolen property and gave it to the police. The people of the house told me the dacoits were all young *badraloks*. A servant had been beaten and bound. When I arrived he had been freed. I heard 25 or 30 people came. Momes Poramanik was the servant.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

(Sd.) Sri Gour Gopal Shaha (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Sarat Chandra Rai, Witness No. 349, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Sarat Chandra Rai. My father's name is Bhagwan Chandra Rai. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Magura, Police-station Magura, Zilla Jessore. I reside at present at Damukdia, Police-station , Zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I was there on the 29th November 1908 as Sub-Inspector. I got information from Baburali Poramanik of a dacoity. I cut a first information and read it over to Baburali. This (Ehibit 222) is it. I went to the spot after telegraphing to various places. In course of enquiry I found the iron safe had been cut open with a chisel. I found the boxes too had been broken open. I found a dagger, a broken bottle, a chisel, an iron peg, a pair of pincers, the handle of a lantern, one false whisker and some candle grease in the house and this hammer in a neighbouring field. These things had been left behind. The inmates told me there were two hammers like this. I got a list of things stolen from Gour Gopal Saha. This (Exhibit 223) is it.

LV and LVI.

In connection with this Raita case I searched the house of Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji of Bedberia. I seized in one room three letters and a book [Exhibit 224(1)]. This search list was prepared and I signed it (Exhibit 224) and in another room I took possession of this letter [Exhibit 225(1)] as entered in this search list (Exhibit 225). I also arrested Bibhuti and sent him to the Magistrate of Nadia. I made the search on the 31st December 1909.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) S. C. Rai.
S-I.
27-6-10.

The deposition of Safaitulla, Witness No. 350, aged about 46 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Sefaitulla. My father's name is Kabiluddin Ahamed. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Hetemkhan, police-station Boalia, zilla Rajshahi. I reside at present in mauza Rampur Boalia, police-station Rampur Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am Sub-Inspector in charge of the thana. I know Raj Mohon Sirkar who is *gomasta* of Bhupen Rai Choudhuri. From him I received these money-orders [Exhibit 194, (1, 2, 3)] and this *chalan* (six pages) (Exhibit 226) and produced them before Mr. Barnes. I also prepared a list. This is it (Exhibit 227.)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) MUHAMMAD SEFATULLA.
Sub-Inspector.

The deposition of Raj Mohon Sirkar, Witness No. 351, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Raj Mohon Sirkar. My father's name is Hari Mohon Sirkar. I am by caste Nabosudra. My home is at mauza Goulapara, police-station Tanar, Zilla Rajshahi, where I reside at present. I was *tehsildar* of Bhubaneswari Debi. I left her service last *Asain*, as I was old and my only son died and I could not work. I know Bhupendra Narain Rai Choudhury who is grandson of my old mistress. He is her daughter's son. He used to live at his grand-mother's house at Rampur Boalia. He did not work much in the zamindari, but he used at times to sign *chalans* and money-orders. I know his writing. These (Exhibits 194 and 226) bear his signature and I handed them over to the police. This (Exhibit 221) is also in his handwriting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sri Raj Mohon Sircar (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Kisori Mohon Rai, Witness No. 352, aged about 58 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Kisori Mohon Rai. My father's name is Modhusudan Rai. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Bighati, police-station Singur, Zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am president of the Bighati Union. In October 1908—1315, 30th *Badro*, there was a dacoity in my house. I was at home About 9 or 9-30 P.M. I was in the inner apartment on the upper floor. My brother and a *durwan* were at the sudder. Six men came up to the sudder and called for the "President Babu," and they said they were of the Calcutta Detective Police. I was called by the *durwan*, but said I was ill. My elder brother then called me saying the Police had come and I must come out. I came out. Then the 6 surrounded me and asked my name. They said "You have prepared bombs and have stolen property. We must search your house." I went up with them. They saw there was nothing in the *thakurbari*, made *salaam* to it and went out. They then opened my elder brother's room and searched it, and then mine. They took away my ornaments and those of my brother. Then they took me alone to the *dalan*. I then found my nephew had been arrested and detained there; after that his rooms were searched. They collected all the things in the *dalan*. They began to prepare a list. They then had a *sinduk* in the *dalan* opened and from it they took the money in it. They forced open the naib's box on the *taktaposh*. They found nothing but papers in it. They then bound me, saying they would *chalan* me. They brought the chowkidar there and beat him saying he had not reported that the President Babu prepared bombs. They told the chowkidar to remain there, and the *durwan* to carry the ornaments, etc. After a bit the *durwan* came back and said they did not go to Budreswar or Singur but to Mankundu and they took the things from him and told him to come back. Then I understood they were dacoits and I went off to Singur and informed the police. I identified Kartik Dutt, Panna Lal Chakrabarty, and Pannalal Chatterji, who was approver. I gave evidence in the High Court and Kartik and Panna Lal Chakrabarty were convicted. This (Exhibit 228) is my deposition to the police.

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
27-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) KISHORI MOHAN ROY.

The deposition of Inspector S. C. Ghose, Witness No. 353, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Sarat Chandra Ghose. My father's name is Jodhunath Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Sukchar, Police-Station Khurda, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am Inspector, C. I. D.

In 1908 October, I was a Sub-Inspector of Singur thana in Hooghly. On the 16th September I got information, from Kisori Mohon Rai, of a dacoity in his house. This (Exhibit 228) is that information. I investigated the case and in the end Kartik Dutt, Pannalal Chakrabarty, Suresh Chandra Mitra and Suresh Mozumdar were convicted in my presence before the Hon'ble High Court.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27.6.10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) S. C. GHOSE.
Inspector.
27-6.

The deposition of Nathu Ghose, Witness No. 354, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Nathu Ghose. My father's name is Sristidhar Ghose. I am by caste Goala. My home is at mauza Maharajpur, police-station Chapra, Zilla Nadia, where I am village chowkidar of Itiberipara. There was a dacoity at a house near mine, in the house of Raj Kumar Rakhit who is dead. His widow, Sarat Kumari, lives in that house. This was about five months ago. I don't remember well. It was I think in *Assar* or *Sraban* last year. I was asleep at home when it took place and I heard the noise (*drum-drum*) of the stroke of an axe on boxes being broken. I got up and went off to the house. I heard the same noise in the house. I hid behind a *bakul* tree in the dark. I saw two men walking up and down by the *chandimandal*. There was sound of fire-arms being fired within and outside. One of the two outside had a gun and one had a *lathi*. 15 or 16 men then came out of the house in my presence. They went firing and throwing down crackers. I saw some had stocking on and they had their faces covered *galpatta*. Their clothes were those of *bodra loks*—as far as I could see. They went off east. I retired then, as I had only a *lathi* and they had guns. I then went into the house which had been dacoited. I found Phuli and Panchu Ghose—the two boys who were living there (one is a cowherd and the other sleeps there) hidden under a bench I told them the dacoits had gone, and they came out. I then, when the neighbours came, went with Banwari Ghose to the thana. The place was in Banwari's beat. I saw in the house 10 or 12 boxes broken. The iron safe had been opened by the key.

At the thana there was only a writer constable and so I went on to the daroga at Madpur and there I gave this information (Exhibit 229).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

The deposition of Nural Nabi, Witness No. 355, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Nural Nabi. My father's name is Golam Pir. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Bagonni, Police-Station Samastipur, Zilla Durbhanga. I reside at present at Patna, where I am writer head constable of the Patna City Court. In 1909, 19th May, when I was at Pirboho Police-Station in Patna City, Babu Kedar Nath Banerji, pleader, sent information of the theft in his house. This is that information. I took it down correctly and it is signed by Ajodhya Prosad, his *mark*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6.

(Sd.) N. Nabi.
Writer head-constable.
27-6-10.

The deposition of Behari Pal, Witness No. 356, aged about 55 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Behari Pal. My father's name is Lakhinarain Pal. I am by caste Sadgope. My home is at Mauza Kurchi, Police-Station Singti, Zilla Howrah, where I hold land.

I know Jotin Hazra, Sivapoda Hazra, Atul Pal, Dasarathi Chatterji and Hari Adhikari of my village. I have seen them at times together at Kalitola, and sometimes walking about together. I have heard there was a dacoity at Morehal. Some time shortly before that there was likelihood of a breach of the peace over paddy cutting. At that time Jotin, who is my *bhai's* son-in-law, showed me a revolver. I had abused him because he was going about with Dasu and Sibu and not looking after his business. He said—"Go away. I am now *swadeshi*. Do you want to see?" Thereupon he produced the revolver.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
27-6-10.

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) SRI BEHARI LAL PAL (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Rakhal Samanta, Witness No. 357, aged about 47 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Rakhal Das Samanta. My father's name is Pitambar Samanta. I am by caste Koibarta. My home is at Mauza Protapchuk, Police-Station Singti, Zilla Howrah, where I am a shop-keeper.

There was a dacoity at the Rakshit's house in our village. About 8 or 9 P.M., six or five persons went to the house, but the people of the village collected there and no dacoity could take place. The people of Kurchi hearing the *golmal* assembled at my shop. My shop is about half a mile from the Rakshit's shop. Seeing the people the dacoits fled. It was in *Kartik* last. It was 20 or 25 days before the Morehal dacoity.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Sri Rakhal Das Samanta (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Romesh Bagdi, Witness No. 358, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Romesh Bagdi. My father's name is Nafur Bagdi. I am by caste Bagdi. My home is at Mauza Kristapur, Police-Station Arambagh, Zilla Hooghly, where I reside at present, where I am cultivator and zemindar's paik.

I know Rakhal Ghose and Jotin Hazra, his sister's son. I have seen Jotin at times during the last two years. Rakhal lives in my village. About 2 years ago I saw Jotin at the Mayerpur *chati* taking some refreshments at a *moira's* shop. He asked me, I remember, how his uncle was. There were 4 boys—*bhodra loks*—about Jotin's age, with him there. I could not say who they are.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval

The deposition of Rash Behari Gupta, Witness No. 359, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Rash Behari Gupta. My father's name is Ambika Charan Gupta. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at Mauza Goila, Police-Station Garnadi, Zilla Barisal. I reside at present at Kushtia, Zilla Nadia, where I am Police Sub-Inspector.

In June 1908, I was stationed at Karimpur thana in the district of Nadia. I know Mamtia village. There is a *mela* held there every year at the time of the *Snan Jatra* in June. Raita is, I think, about 15 miles from Mamtia. I attended the *mela* to see there was no disturbance. I saw some *bhadra loks* there—young men. They had a magic lantern. There were Krista Prosad Biswas, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Harendra Gupta and Fani Bhusan Bhaduri. Krista and Harendra spoke to me. I was sitting in plain clothes in my *basha* at the *mela* and they went to my *basha*. They came there to cut plantain leaves. Krista told me he came from Rajshahi and Harendra said he came from Pabna. They told me they came to show a magic lantern. They said the profits would be sent to the leader of the Santi Samiti of Rajshahi; also that the Santi Samiti was a branch of the Anusilan Samiti at Calcutta. I asked the name of the leader, but they refused to say. They said they did not know how the money would be used They told me that Fani Bhusan Bhaduri was with them. I wrote their names and Fani's name down on a piece of paper and was waiting for the other names when Krista said, "Why do you write down the names? Are you a police-officer?" and I said "Yes." Then Harendra said, "Do you know me? I live in this *elaka* at Kechuadanga." He said he had said he was of Pabna as he had stayed there a long time. He also said Rampada Mukerji was one of their party, but had not arrived. I was at the *mela* from 14th June to 17th June. I saw their magic lantern performances. There were pictures of *Sahibs* and battles. One day Manmatha Biswas lectured in favour of use of *swadeshi* goods. All these men were volunteers at the *mela*, with their clothes *malkocha* and with *lathis*. I prepared a list of the volunteers there, later. My junior Sub-Inspector, after the 17th when I fell ill, was deputed to watch them. I also reported these matters to our superior officer. My junior Sub-Inspector reported as present in the *mela*—Prokriti Ranjan Mozumdar, Manmatha Nath Biswas and Rampada Mukerji and others.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd) Rash Behari Gupta.

The deposition of Anando Gopal Chakrobarty, Witness No. 360, aged about 52 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this day of 1910.

My name is Anando Gopal Chakrobarty. My father's name is Jadhu Nath Chakrabarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Kosba, Police-Station Tallygunge, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I reside. I am Arms Act clerk under the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta. I know Nur Khan. He had a gun shop. He used to come to our office from time to time. I have examined his stock and sale register from 1903 to 1909 (end). The books were properly kept. I have ascertained that between 1903 and 1909 the amount of stock written off as destroyed is 1 lb. gunpowder, 250 percussion caps, 700 rifle cartridge cases, 5855 rifle cartridges, 2516 gun cartridges, 521 gun cartridge cases, 2362 revolver and pistol cartridges, 34 revolvers, 140 bullets and 4 pistols—of which 100 rifle cartridges, 2315 gun cartridges, and 355 revolver and pistol cartridges were destroyed in August and September 1904. Between April 1907 and the 11th October 1908, all the others were destroyed. I prepared a monthly stock and sale returns for Nur Khan's shop. In course of business I also got the returns of sales at Mackenzie Lyall's auctions for arms and ammunitions for verification. Nur Khan always used to be buying at these auctions. It is necessary to get the Deputy Commissioner's permission for destruction of condemned arms and ammunitions which is carried out in the presence of the Arms Act Inspector. There is no certificate of destruction for the 12 revolvers shown as destroyed on 27th September 1908.

During October 1907, the register shows destruction of a large number of cartridges destroyed, but does not show that any were destroyed in the presence of the Inspector.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Anunda Gopal Chakrobartty,
Arms Act Clerk.
27-6-10.

The deposition of Amar Krishna Das Gupta, Witness No. 361, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 27th day of June 1910.

My name is Amar Krishna Das Gupta. My father's name is Mohun Chandra Das Gupta. I am by caste Boidya. My home is at Mauza Kalia, Police-Station Kalia, Zilla Jessore. I reside at present at Kalighat, Calcutta, where I am Arms Act clerk, Alipur Magistracy. This (Exhibit 156) is Charu Ghose's old license. When a new license was given him in February 1910, this old license was kept in the office.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
27-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Amar Krishna Das Gupta.
Arms Act clerk, Alipur Magistrate's office.
27-6-10.

The deposition of Debendra Nath Bose, Witness No. 362, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Debendra Nath Bose. My father's name is Charu Chandra Bose. I am by caste Kayestha. My home is at Mauza Dakhin Barasat, Police-Station Jaynagar, zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Chetla, Police-Station Alipur, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am assistant correspondent, Royal Insurance office. I know Charu Chandra Ghose and Bhusan Mittor. Charu was in our office up to his arrest. Bhusan was in our office about a year, up till a year ago. Charu was in the office at the time Bhusan was there. I have been in the office since 1892.

In an attendance register each man signs his own name, on arrival and departure. The book is kept in our office till 10 A.M., when it is sent to the office master and those arriving after 10 have to go before him and sign. At 5-30 the book is put out again. The head clerk, Bepin Behari Rakhit, notes who are absent at the end of office hours in the remarks column. Our head clerk has been head clerk seven or eight years.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Debendra Nath Bose.

The deposition of Annoda Prosad Rai, Witness No. 363, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Annoda Prosad Rai. My father's name is Hari Narain Rai. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Bhadul, Police-Station Bankura, Zilla Bankura. I reside at present at Bankura, where I am record-keeper (Collectorate). This book (Exhibit 232) is kept in my charge. I know Ram Das Chakravarty, a copyist of my office. Referring to the attendance register (Exhibit 232) he was absent from 12th (departure not marked) till 10-25 A. M. on the 18th June 1909. I was appointed record-keeper on 6th February 1909, and since that date I have kept the book and can say it is correctly kept

Shows entry [Exhibit 232 (1)]

(Sd) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) ANNADA PRASAD RAI.
Record-keeper, Bankura Collectorate.

The deposition of Mr. Mawson, Witness No. 364, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Adgitional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Owen Mawson. I reside at present in Mauza Rampur Boalia, Police-Station Rampur Boalia, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am Superintendent of Police. I know Bijoy Kumar Chakravarty who was a store-keeper in the Dighapati Rajbari. I searched his house in village Haguna on 6th January last from about 7 A. M. till about 11 A. M., under a warrant from the Magistrate of Rajshahi, which I obtained from him on information received from an informer, Lalit Mohon Chakravarty, who was at Rajshahi at the time. At this search the Sub-Inspector Sarat Kanta Biswas was present throughout and Sub-Inspector Peari Kumar Bardhan was there part of the time. Bijoy was present at the search, also search witnesses. In his house were found a tin of vaseline, a copy of R. B. Rodda & Co's price list and a letter said to have been written from himself to his wife. All these things were found in the apartment in which he sleeps.

We also went to see the godowns at the Rajbari. There was one room used solely by Bijoy and kept under lock and key. The key was with Bijoy and after the search of his house the Manager sent for the key from Bijoy. The room was opened. We went through all the papers on his office table and looked through various files of magazines and articles on the shelves to see if we could find any seditious papers. We left without making a thorough search. The Manager took the keys and told the Magistrate he would keep them in his own possession. This was about mid-day. I had some other searches to make and returned after making them to the circuit bunglow. A little before 2 P. M. the Manager came to the circuit bungalow with the Subdivisional officer and told us Bijoy had asked for the key. He said he asked Bijoy why he wanted it and Bijoy said he wanted to get out some private letters. So as he thought his general demeanour suspicious he had refused to give him the key and came straight to us, and said he would like to have the office searched. I went back to the office with the Magistrate, Subdivisional officer and Manager. There Bijoy came just after our arrival and search witnesses were called in. We then made a through search of the office. We also asked Bijoy where the letters were which he wanted. He feigned ignorance and said "What letters", and said "He remembered afterwards he had got them at his house." I found 6 rifle bullets in an ebony and ivory case. The District Magistrate found a biscuit tin containing 4 revolvers and pistols behind a mirror which was resting propped up against the wall on its marble slab. The tin was full of kerosine oil. The cover of the tin had been specially made out of a piece of a kerosine tin with the words "Hangsho" in Bengali and Hindi. A leave application was also found. The things we found were produced before the Subdivisional Officer, Nattore. I prepared a search list. These (Exhibits LII and LIII) are two of the pistols found. Lalit had told me he remembered a tin of vaseline was kept by Bijoy for cleaning arms. The tin of vaseline was about 3 inches square. He told me this while the search was on; he was then in the compound.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Owen Mawson.
Superintendent of Police, Rajshahi.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Babu Dasarathi Dutt, Witness No. 365, taken on solemn affirmation, under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Dasarathi Dutt. I reside at present at Kristnagar, Zilla Nadia, where I am Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector. I remember Sushil Biswas. I made a local verification of a statement made by him to Mr. Ezechiel under Mr. Ezechiel's orders. Sushil took me to several places. On 6th January 1910 I received charge of him and we went to Ranaghat sub-jail where Bhupendra Rai Chaudhuri was mixed up with several other persons, but he failed to identify him. On the 7th he took me to Beliasishi, his village. He pointed out a place where he said Bibhuti took out a box from a cart and he showed me the hut in which he said Bibhuti had stopped with a gun. He said he and Bibhuti had carried the box from the cart to the hut. He said there was a gun in the box. After that he said, he had, when he and Bibhuti had started to Mirpur, met two men on the way. He showed me the place where he met these men. He said they were Bonobehari Bhuimali whom he met near a shop in Chitla, and Targu Saha, Kalu of Chitla, whom he met on the road. At Mirpur, he said he had purchased eight annas worth of nitric acid from Dr. Proladh Chandra Nath. I saw Proladh who said he did not remember.

He also showed me places where he said he and his party had moored their boat on their way to Raita. He took me to Raita and there he showed me the house in which the dacoity was committed, and a *pan* plantation in which he said he and his companions had taken shelter when chased. He took me to Dhamakdia Ghat and said near it they took the boat to go to Raita. He took me to Bheramara and showed me a shop where he had purchased sweets the morning after the dacoity. He showed me the ghat where he drank water. We then went to the Kushtia sub-jail and there he identified certain under-trial prisoners, Bibhuti, Rampoda, Prokriti and a man whose name he did not know but who was Kristo Prosad Biswas. These men were mixed with 7 men from outside and all the persons were placed in a file.

He told me about a theft in Chitla—that sometime before the Haludbari dacoity and long after the Raita dacoity one Lalit Mohon and Bidhu Biswas and he were spending a day together at his house at Beliasishi. Lolit Mohan stole half a sack of *musar* from the house of Bepin Behari Pal of Chitla. The day after Sushil said he left for Nadia in the morning and so did not know what was done with the *musar*.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) D. Dutta.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Tarini Charan Chatterji, Witness No. 366, aged about 60 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Tarini Charan Chatterji. My father's name is Kala Chand Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is Mauza Halisahar, Police-station Naihati, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present in Mauza Dighapatya, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am manager of the Dighapatia Raj. I know Bijoy Kumar Chakravarty. He was godown clerk in the Raj. He had an office in the *thakurbari* and he kept the key of it. His house and office were searched. I went with the Magistrate to his house, but did not witness the search. An hour after that I went with Magistrate to the office who just went round the room and told me to keep the key of the office and he left. After another half hour Bijoy came and demanded the keys as he wanted to take out some of his private letters I refused saying the Magistrate had left the keys with me. He said "*Sangati.*" I suspected him at this and so I went to see the Magistrate after first going to the Subdivisional officer. The Magistrate then said he would search. He, the District Superintendent of Police, Subdivisional officer and I went to the office. I had when going to the Magistrate left two guards in the office. I had the key and opened the door. Two search witnesses were sent for and after the door was opened Bijoy arrived. The Magistrate searched and he told me to ask Bijoy to show the letters he wanted and he said he had found them at home. On searching the Magistrate found in a Huntley and Palmer's biscuit box behind a mirror, 3 revolvers and a pistol in kerosine, in the tin. The Superintendent of Police found bullets. I am a Government pensioner.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6.

(Sd.) TARINI CH. CHATTERJI.

The deposition of Mr. Shallow, Witness No. 367, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Arthur William Shallow. I reside at present at Howrah Railway Police-Station, where I am Assistant Superintendent of Police (G. R. P.) I went to Chendapather in the District of Bankura on 2nd December 1909. I went there to Barabhum station by train from Howrah. Thence I cycled to Bara Bazar about 12 miles from there and thence by riding to Liki—another 14 miles and thence rode straight then 14 miles by road and thence walking we walked through the jungle then to Chedapather which we judged to be about another 16 miles. Chedapather is in thick jungle. There we found a thatched four sided bungalow—four walls round with thatch on them and inside the place was open. There were rooms on two sides against the wall. The other walls had only thatch. The walls were of mud with openings in them. One would just see it from a 100 yards, beyond that it would not be seen. It had no road to it. It had two entrances. No other houses were near it. When I saw it, it was deserted, and no signs that people had been there recently. It is walking 2 to 2½ miles beyond a building which was pointed out as the kutchery.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) A. W. Shallow.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Chakravarty, Witness No. 368, aged about 36 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Chakravarty. My father's name is Durga Das Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Muzilpur, Police-station Joynagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a contractor. I know Rajani Bhattacharyya. I was present when his house was searched. A list of what was found was prepared and I signed it. The house belongs to Ram Gopal Bhattacharyya, his grand-father, who is alive. This is the list (Exhibit 60) and this my signature [Exhibit 60 (*a*)]. I also signed the papers (shows).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Satis Chandra Chakrabetty.
29-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Hari Das Mukherji, Witness No. 869, aged about 49 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Hari Das Mukherji. My father's name is Nobin Chandra Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at 38-2, Sitaram Ghose's Street, Calcutta. I am of independent means. I know Hem Sen. I was a witness to a search at his place at 46, Mechua Bazar. A list was prepared and I signed it. This is the list (Exhibit 220) and this my signature [Exhibit 220(*a*)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) HARI DAS MUKHERJI.

The deposition of Satis Chandra Dutt, Witness No. 370, aged about 47 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Satis Chandra Dutt. My father's name is Pelaram Dutt. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Baranagar, Police-station Baranagar, Zilla 24-Parganas, I am clerk, Registrar of Joint-Stock Company's office.

Under the Act a Limited Company has filed with the Registrar of Joint Assurance yearly a balance sheet, summary of capital and list of share-holders and when the company started they have filed the memorandum and articles of association. From our office these papers were filed before the Alipore Court in the Bomb Case.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) SATISH CHANDRA DATTA.
29-6-1910.

Satis Chandra Dutt, Prosecution Witness No. 370, recalled on 11th July 1910, on solemn affirmation

THIS—Exhibit 298 being the prospectus of the *Chatra Bhandar*, Limited—was filed in our office also this notice of situation of the registered office (299) and this notice of change of situation (300), this list of shareholders and summary of capital (301), balance sheet (302), shareholders' list up to 8th November 1908 (303) another balance sheet (304).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) SATIS CHANDRA DUTT.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Latibuddin, Witness No. 371, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Latibuddin. My father's name is Moulvi Hafiz Altafuddin. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mauza Paniswar, Police-station Brahmanberia, Zilla Tippera. I reside at present at Panichang, Zilla Sylhet, where I am a Sub-Inspector of Police. In May 1908 I was Sub-Inspector at Habigunge. I know Sushil Kumar Sen, son of Koilash Chandra Sen, then Sub-Registrar of Banichand. I was present when Sushil was arrested by Mr. Kemp, then Superintendent of Police. Sushil's house was searched in my presence. This (Exhibit 235) was found. I cannot say whether this (Exhibit 236 kept for identification) was found.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Latifuddin.
Sub-Inspector.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Hill, Witness No. 372, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Henry Francis Hill. I reside at present at Alipore Jail, where I am the Jailor. I know Nani Gopal Gupta who is an under-trial prisoner in the Jail. I received a report from Chief Warder Wilshaw of misconduct by him in jail. He informed me he had been found in possession of 2 slips of paper containing some writing in Bengali. This was told me late at evening, when the prisoner was locked up. He gave me the pieces of paper and I had them locked up in an almirah containing all papers and property of these prisoners. These are the papers (Exhibit 26 *a*, *a.i*, *b*, and *b.i*). Next morning, when I went round the first thing on the morning, I saw Nani and asked him how he wrote the paper. At first he denied all knowledge. He said the papers were found in his cell, but not in his possession. I asked how he accounted for the papers being in his cell and he did not answer. I then referred to Warder Kennedy and he said he saw the prisoner writing the slips with his hand over them on the 28th March. Nani had been allowed to write a letter on the 28th. I called for the jail ticket of the prisoner and entered up the offence: he then said "Beg pardon" and admitted he had done so. The slips are on jail paper. He was punished for the offence by the Superintendent.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. F. Hill.
Jailor, Alipore C. Jail.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Ananda Mohan Mitra, Witness No. 373, aged about 34 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day June 1910.

My name is Ananda Mohan Mitra. My father's name is Ram Kumar Mitra. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Salimpore, Police-station Munshigunge, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present at Kristnagar Police-station—Zilla Nadia, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police, on deputation. I know Maharajpur. It is in Chapra thana where I was Sub-Inspector in July 1909. There was a dacoity there in the house of Sarat Kumari Dasi and I received the 1st information from Natu Ghose, chowkidar. This (Exhibit 229) is it. I read it over to him and he admitted its correctness. I investigated the case. I searched the house of Nibaran Ch. Mozumdar on 30th November 1909. I prepared this list of what I found (Exhibit 240). I found this book [Exhibit 240 (1)]. It is of a farce now interdicted—and these post-cards and book [Exhibit 240 (2)].

I searched the house of Ramapoda Mukherji on 31st December 1909. This (Exhibit 241) is the list of what I found. I found this book [Exhibit 241 (1)], this photo [Exhibit 241 (2)], this book [Exhibit 241 (3)], this list of players [Exhibit 241 (4)] and these letters and envelopes [Exhibit 241 (5-7)] and these miscellaneous papers [241 (8)]. I also searched on 31st December the house of Bhupendra Nath Rai Choudhari at Rajshahi. This is the list (Exhibit 242) and found this magic-lantern (LVIII), these slides (LIX) and these notices [Exhibit 242 (1)]. I searched his house on 16th December also. I prepared this list (Exhibit 243, 3 pages). I found this book 243 (1), this writing 243 (2)—this diary (221) these cartridges (Exhibit LX) and these papers [243 (3)]. I searched the house of Lalit Mohan Chatterji at Koya. I prepared a list. This (Exhibit 244) is it. I found this book of songs [Exhibit 244 (1)] and this book [Exhibit 244 (2)] this picture of Sivaji [Exhibit 244 (3)] and these papers and books [Exhibit 244 (4)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) A. Mitra, S.-I.
26-6-10.

The deposition of Prosanna Kumar Ganguli, Witness No. 374, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Prosanna Kumar Ganguli. My father's name is Srimanta Ganguli. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Kristnagore, where I am muktear. I was present at the house search of Lalit Kumar Chatterji. A list of what was found was prepared. I signed it. This is the list (Exhibit 238), and this my signature [Exhibit 238 (a)] The list is correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
29.6.10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd). Prosanna Kumar Ganguli.

The deposition of Doiba Nath Mukerji, Witness No. 375, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Doiba Nath Mukerji. My father's name is Dina Nath Mukerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Koya, police-station Krishnagar, Zilla Nadia, where I am unemployed. I am the collecting punchayat. I was present at the house-search of Nibaran Ch. Muzumdar. A list was prepared. I signed it. This is it (Exhibit 240) and this my signature (Exhibit 240 (a).] I also signed the papers found.

I know Lalit Chatterji, vakil of Kristnagar. I cannot say in whose handwriting this [(238 (1)] is.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd). Sri Doiba Nath Mukhopadhay, (*in Bengali.*)

The deposition of Uma Prosad Ganguli, Witness No. 376, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Uma Prosad Ganguli. My father's name is Rojani Nath Ganguli. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Icchapur, Police-station Srinagar, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present at Ranaghat, Zilla Nadia, where I am officiating Inspector. I searched the house of Lalit Mohan Chatterji on the 30th November last. I prepared this search list (Exhibit 246) which I signed. I found this [Exhibit 246 (1)—Swaraj]—this piece of paper showing his seal [Exhibit 246 (2)], and this letter [Exhibit 246 (3)], and these miscellaneous papers [Exhibit 246 (4)].

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Uma Prosad Ganguli.
29-6-10.

MMM

The deposition of Panchanun Sen, Witness No. 377, aged about 43 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Panchanun Sen. My father's name is Nolin Chandra Sen. I am by caste Tambuli. My home is at Kristnagar, Zilla Nadia, where I am pleader of District Judge's Court. I was present when Lalit Kumar Chatterji's house was searched on one occasion at Kristnagar on 30th November 1909. A list was prepared and I signed it as correct. This is the list (Exhibit 246). I know Lalit's signature. So far as I know his signature (this Exhibit 169) is not in his handwriting nor is it his signature. This [Exhibit 246 (2)] is his signature.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) PANCHANAN SEN.

The deposition of Upendra Nath Bose, Witness No. 378, aged about 40 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Upendra Nath Bose. My father's name is Kali Nath Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Bagbazar, Calcutta. I reside at present at Bartola, Police-station Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I searched the house of Kissori Lal Sarkar at 121, Cornwallis Street. I searched all the rooms in that house. One young man, Poran, was arrested by Mr. Aldridge there in my presence. I prepared this search list (Exhibit 247). I found this book [Exhibit 247 (1)] and these [Exhibit 247 (2)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) UPENDRA NATH BOSE.
Sub-Inspector, Burtola thana.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Nanda Kissore Mitter, Witness No. 379, aged about 31 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Nanda Kissore Mitter. My father's name is Behari Lal Mitter. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at 121-1, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta, where I am Vakil of High Court practicing at Sealdah civil courts. I was present at the search of the house of Kissori Lal Sirkar. A list was prepared in my presence.

This is the list (Exhibit 247) and this is my signature [Exhibit 247 (*a*)]. I signed all the papers too found at the search.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Nanda Kishore Mitter.

The deposition of Ganimutullah, Witness No. 380, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Ganimutullah. My father's name is Ekramuddin. I am by caste Mussulman. My home is at Mauza Malia, Police-station Haripal, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Kulpi, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I searched the house of Hem Chandra Sen at Netra on 8th November 1909, and prepared this list (Exhibit 248) of what I found. I got this book [Exhibit 248 (1) and these books and papers [Exhibit 248 (2)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) Ghanimatullah,
Sub-Inspector of Kulpi.

The deposition of Shyama Charan Rai, Witness No. 351, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Shyama Charan Rai. My father's name is Mathura Mohon Rai. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Netra, Police-station Diamond Harbour, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at 27, Badurbagan Lane, Calcutta. I am employed at Nandi and Brothers, cabinet-makers, 253, Bow Bazar Street. I was present at the search of Hem Sen's house at Netra. A list was prepared. This is it (Exhibit 248) and I signed it Exhibit 248 (a).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Syama Ch. Ray,
29-6-10.

The deposition of Golam Hyder, Witness No. 383, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Golam Hyder. My father's name is Golam Kader. I am by caste Mussulman. My home is at Allahabad. I reside at present at Kolutola Police-station, Calcutta, where I am Sub-Inspector of Police.

I accompanied Mr. Aldridge when he searched 4 and 5, Eden Hospital Road—the house of Pobitra Dutt—on 23rd May last. A list was prepared by me. This is it (Exhibit 249). This [Exhibit 249(1)] was found and this [Exhibit 249 (2)] and this [Exhibit 249(3)] and this invoice [Exhibit 249 (4)] and these 249(5).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) G. Hyder.
29-6-10.

My name is Nibaran Ch. Chatterji,—W. 383. I am teacher of the City College aided school.

Under orders of this Court directed to the Principal of my College I produce this book-attendance register of teachers. The clerks who write it up are Uma Charan Deb, Prionath Sen and some time the librarian, Monmatha Nath Sen

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
29-6-10.

The deposition of Atul Chandra Mondal, Witness No. 384, aged about 35 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Atul Chandra Mondal. My father's name is Srikanta Nath Mondal. I am by caste Mohishya. My home is at Mauza Joypur, Police-station Ampta, Zilla Howrah. I reside at present at Sutahatta, Police-station Midnapore, where I am head constable. I searched the house of Gonesh Das at Dakhin Moyna, on the 5th November 1909. I prepared a list of what I found. This is my list, Exhibit 250. I found this group photo Exhibit 250 (1), this post-card, Exhibit 250 (2) and this copy of Dharma, Exhibit 250 (3).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) Atool Ch. Mondal.
Head Constable.

The deposition of Ramesh Ch. Guha, Witness No. 385, aged about 31 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of Act X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Ramesh Ch. Guha. My father's name is Harimohan Guha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Bangipara, Police-station Sanetkati, Zilla Barasat. I reside at present at Dinajpur, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Annada Pr. Rai on 25th May last in Dinajpur town. I prepared a list of what I found. This (Exhibit 251) is the list. I signed it. I found this letter [Exhibit 251 (1)] in this envelope 251 (2) these [Exhibits 251 (3)—(6)] and these 5 copies of *Karmayogin* [251 (7)] and these 12 papers [251 (8)] and these miscellaneous 251 (9).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Ramesh Ch. Guha,
S. I.

The deposition of Inspector P. K. Banerji, Witness No. 386, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 29th day of June 1910.

My name is Prosanno Kumar Banerji. My father's name is Raj Krista Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Konnagore, Police-station Serampore, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Dinajpur, where I am Inspector of Police. I searched the house of Annoda Kabiraj's brother, Jadhunath Rai, at Balurghat, about 30 miles from Dinajpur. I prepared this list (Exhibit 252) and found among other things this letter [Exhibit 252 (1)] one envelope, Exhibit 252 (2). The rest of the papers are these [Exhibit 252 (3). I also arrested Annoda there.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
29-6-10.

(Sd.) Prosanno Coomar Banerji.
Inspector.
29-6-10.

Read over by the Inspector and admitted correct.

The deposition of Jogendra Nath Chatterji, Withness No. 387, aged about 27 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Jogendra Nath Chatterji. My father's name is Bama Charan Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Gustia, Police-station Barasat, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Chekda, Zilla Nuddia, where I am Sub-Inspector. I received information of the theft of a gun of Piari Mohan Sirkar at Chandgram, thana Damukdia, on the 27th March 1908. I was then at Damukdia thana This (Exhibit 253) is the information I investigated the case, but did not recover the gun The gun has No. 317—being a double-barrelled muzzle loader.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H P. Duval.

(Sd.) Jagendra Nath Chatterji,
S. I.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Muhammad Abdul Kadir, Witness No. 388, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Muhammad Abdul Kadir. My father's name is Kazi Muhammad Abdul Khalek. I am by caste Musulman. My home is at Mauza Dinajpur, Police-station Dinajpur, Zilla Dinajpur. I reside at present in Mauza Nattore, Police-station Nattore, Zilla Rajshahi, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I know Hara Govinda Sirkar. I searched his house on 30th November 1909. I prepared the list (Exhibit 254) of what I found. It is correct. I found this kukri (Exhibit LXI) and these three spear heads (Exhibit LXII.)

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) Muhammad Abdul Kadir,
S. I., Nattore, P. S.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Boleram Rai, Witness No. 389, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Boleram Rai. My father's name is Panchanon Rai I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Garia, Police-station Jamtara, Zilla Sonthal Parganas. I reside at present at Bankura, Zilla Bankura, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I know Gokul Behari Mitra. I searched his house on 4th November 1909. I prepared a list of what I found. It is correct. This is it (Exhibit 256). I found this postcard [Exhibit 256 (1)] and these two letters and envelopes [256 (2)—(5)], three arrow heads (LXIII), and these five arrows and tin quiver (LXIV) 2 bows (LXV) 5 spikes (LXVI) and this gun (LXVII), and these post cards, etc., 256 (6).

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) Boleram Rai,
S. I.

The deposition of Aminul Islam, Witness No. 390, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Aminul Islam. My father's name is Munshi Serajul Islam, Khan Bahadur. I am by caste Mussulman. My home is at Comilla, Zilla Tipperah. I reside at present at Kusthia, Zilla Nadia, where I am Subdivisional Officer. I remember the arrest of Harendra Banerji. I was at the Railway station seeing off Mr. Sibold, Executive Engineer, and Shamsul Alam came and asked me if he should arrest a man whom he suspected to have been communicating with Soilendra, one of the prisoners in the Haludbari dacoity case. I said I had no objection. Harendra was arrested, I think by Radhanath, the Sub-Inspector of Kustia. This was about 11 A.M., Calcutta time It was reported to me, I think, the same day that some bits of papers had been found near the Municipal office, which is near the Jail. A report was made to me verbally about the matter the same day. I think it was the next day that I went to the Jail and saw Soilendra. Soilendra pointed out to me Ramdhani Singh, Head warder, as the man who had given him a letter. I noticed this on the back of a report which I had with me. A case was instituted against Harendra Chandra Banerji and Ramdhani Singh before me. The proceedings have been stopped for the present pending the disposal of this case. This (Exhibit 257) is the record. The case is on the file of the Sub-Deputy Magistrate.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) A. ISLAM,
30-6-10.

The deposition of Bijoy Kumar Ghosal, Witness No. 391, aged about 34 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Bijoy Kumar Ghosal. My father's name is Nobo Kumar Ghosal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Bally, Police-station Bally, Zilla Howrah. I reside at present at Baruipur, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector.

I searched the house of Prokash Chandra Bose on the 4th May 1909, at Muzilpur. I made a search list. Witnesses were present. They signed in my presence. This is it, (258).

I found these books [258(1) and 258(2)], the picture (the awakening of India) 258(3) and this MSS. 258 (4) and this subscription book, [258(5)] and cheque book, [258(6)].

I found these things in the out house which is used for the Muzilpur Young Men's Association.

I also found this picture [Exhibit 258(7), Profulla Chaki];
and this picture [Exhibit 258(8)], Arabinda Ghose;
this minute book [Exhibit 258(9)];
this book of rules MSS. and print [Exhibit 258(10)];
this account book [Exhibit 258(11)];
list of members [Exhibit 258(12)];
list of members and subscriptions [258(13)];
this paper of proceedings [Exhibit 258(14)];
a book [Exhibit 258(15)];
a MSS. set of essays [Exhibit 258(16)];
this song in MSS. [258(17)];
a book of poetry [258(18)];
and these seven copies *Swaraj* and 50 copies *Bande Mataram*, [258(19)];
and these papers [Exhibit 258(20)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) B. K. Ghosal.
S. I.
30-6.

The deposition of Ram Sahai Singh, Witness No. 392, aged about 49 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Ram Sahai Singh. My father's name is Trilak Singh. I am by caste Chettri. My home is at Mauza Badilpur, Police-station Haldi, Zilla Ballia. I reside at present at Canning Town, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Nolini Kanta Mitter at Gochhaba on 10th February 1910. I sent the original search list to the Alipore Police office. I kept a copy. The list was correctly made. The witnesses signed the list and the things found. This is the copy. It is correct (Exhibit 259). I found a cartridge (Exhibit LXVIII), this letter [Exhibit 259 (1)], this periodical (*Dharma*) [Exhibit 259 (2)], and this *Karmayogin* [Exhibit 259 (3)] and these miscellaneous papers [Exhibit 259(4)]. Gochhaba is the abad of Sir Daniel Hamilton, and Nolini was the Manager. There were other young men on the settlement in separate *bashas*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd). H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) R. S. SINGH,
S.-I.
30-6-10.

Ram Sahai Singh, Prosecution Witness No. 392, recalled on solemn affirmation on 11th July 1910.

THIS 259 (A) is the original search list of what I found at Gochhaba.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

(Sd) R. S. SINGH.
S.-I.
11-7-1910.

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The deposition of Dwijendra Nath Banerjee, Witness No. 393, aged about 25 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Dwijendra Nath Banerjee. My father's name is Sirish Chandra Banerjee. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Ramnagar, Police-station Jhenida, Zilla Jessore. I reside at present at Canning Town, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am Sub-Inspector I searched the Goohhaba Association bungalow in which some young men were staying and I prepared this search list. I did this on 10th February 1910. This (Exhibit 260) is a copy of the list I took things from the house and from the boxes of one Surendra Babu and Nripendra Babu. The original list was sent to Alipore.

I found this [Exhibit 260(1)] in Surendra's box, and this [260(2)] in the house, and this [260(3)] in the house, and this book [260(4)], and this account-book [260(5)], this *Karmay gin* [260(6)].

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.

(Sd). D. N. Banerjee,
S.-I., Canning Police-station.
30-6-10.

Dwijendra N. Banerji, prosecution Witness No. 393, recalled on solemn affirmation, on 11th July 1910.

This [Exhibit 260 (A)] is the original search list which I made at Goohhaba.

(Sd) H. P. Duval
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Dwijendra Nath Banerji,
S.-I, Canning Police-station,
24-Parganas.

The deposition of Sib Narain Chatterji, Witness No. 394, aged about 21 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Sib Narain Chatterji My father's name is Annoda Prasad Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Bora, Police-station Singur, Zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Gopal Chandra Ghosal, on the 20th January last. I prepared a list and the things were correctly entered. This is the list (Exhibit 261).

I found this prospectus [Exhibit 261 (1)] and this set of miscellaneous papers [Exhibit 261 (2)].

(Sd.) H. P DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd). S. N. CHATTERJI.
S.-I.,
30-6-10.

The deposition of Biseswar Chatterji, Witness No. 395, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Biseswar Chatterji. My father's name is Annoda Charan Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Karipur, Police-station Lohagura, Zilla Jess I reside at present at Howrah, where I am a head-constable in the Howrah Criminal Investigation Department. I searched the house of Ashutosh Banerji on 20th January last, and prepared this list (262) which is correct. This MSS. papers [262 (1)] were found and this [262 (2)], also these books [Exhibit 262 (3)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) B. Chatterji.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Faniudra Nath Ghosal, Witness No. 396, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Faniudra Nath Ghosal. My father's name is Devendra Nath Ghosal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Khurut, Police-station Shibpur, Zilla Howrah. I reside at present at Ranchi where I am at the Police Training College. I searched the house of Monmatha Nath Banerjee at Shibpur on 8th November 1909. I prepared a search list in which I entered all I found (Exhibit 263). I found this *Bande Mataram* book and one *Jugantar* [263 (1)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Faniudra Nath Ghosal,
Sub-Inspector.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Bijoy Ch Choudhuri, Witness No. 397, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Bijoy Ch. Choudhuri. My father's name is Bhuban Mohon Choudhuri I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Bhowanipur, Calcutta. I reside at present at Bantra, zilla Howrah, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Rup Ram Bhattacharya on 8th November 1909. I prepared a list of what I seised. This is it (Exhibit 264). Hari Sadhan is probably Rup Ram's son. The articles were found in Hari Sadhan's room. I found these two post-cards [Exhibits 264 (1) and (2)] and these [Exhibit 263 (3)].

(Sd.) H. P Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) B. K Chowdry,
Sub-Inspector.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Surendra Nath Biswas, Witness No. 398, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Surendra Nath Biswas. My father's name is Soshi Bhusan Biswas. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Kotah, Police-station Chuadanga, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in Mauza Kulkulmi, Police-station Chapra, Zilla Nadia, where I am a tehsildar I was present when the Arya Chemical Works were searched. A list was prepared. I signed it. Shows signature (239 *a*). The things found were correctly entered.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval
30-6-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

(Sd) Sri Surendra Nath Biswas (*in Bengali*).
Kotah.

The deposition of Nepal Lal Mullik, Witness No. 399, aged about 29 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Nepal Lal Mullik. My father's name is Taraknath Mullik. I am by caste Subarnabanik. My home is at 65, Tara Chand Dutt's Street, Calcutta. I am officer in charge of Shampukhur Thana. I searched 25-3, Nobin Kundu's Lane—the house of Promodindu and Kumodindu Ghose and seized a large number of documents, letters, etc., of which I made out a search list. This is the list (Exhibit 266). I found this (Exhibit 157) there.

I sealed up three boxes at the time and afterwards I opened them in the presence of witnesses and entered them in this extra list [Exhibit 266 (a)].

I found these books and papers [Exhibit 266 (1)], and these papers [Exhibit 266 (2)].

On 24th May I searched 167, Cornwallis Street, in the presence of Sarat Khan and seized a large number of documents. This is my list (Exhibit 267). I sealed what I got in bundles. From 27th May till 8th June I broke the seals of the bundles in presence of the search witnesses and made this detailed search list (Exhibit 268). I produce from bundle 1 [Exhibit 268 (1-3)]; from bundle 5, [Exhibit 268 (4]; from bundle 11, [Exhibit 268 (5)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) NEPAL LAL MULLIK.
30-6-10.

Nepal Lal Mullik, Prosecution Witness No. 399, recalled on solemn affirmation.

I SEARCHED No. 77-1, Sikdar Bagan Street under a warrant on 24th March 1910. The house belonged to Upendra Mohon and Jotindra Mohon Rakhit. This (Exhibit 271) is the list of what I seized. I found this [Exhibit 271 (1)], this *Yugantar* leaflet [Exhibit 271 (2)], this book [Exhibit 271 (3)], this hand book [(Exhibit 271 (4)], this book [Exhibit 271 (5)], this [Exhibit 271 (6)], this [Exhibit 271 (7)], this [Exhibit 271 (8)], this photo [Exhibit 271 (9)], and this [Exhibit 271 (10-13)], and this bundle of 15 pictures [Exhibit 271 (14)], this knife (Exhibit LXXI), the bundle of periodicals and pamphlets [Exhibit 271 (15)]; these miscellaneous papers, etc., [Exhibit 271 (16)].

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) NEPAL LAL MULLIK.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Muhammed Fazil, Witness No. 400, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Muhammed Fazil. My father's name is Muhammed Kamel. I am by caste Musalman. My home is at Mirzapore Street, Calcutta. I reside at present at Jorasanko Police Station, Calcutta, where I am Inspector of Police. I searched No. 202, Cornwallis Street, on 20th September 1908. The house was occupied by Annoda Kaviraj. I correctly entered the things found in this list (Exhibit 274). These are the articles [Exhibit 274 (1)] and this book [Exhibit 274 (2)] and this account book [Exhibit 274 (3)] and these [Exhibit 274 (4)] and this envelope [Exhibit 274 (5)]. I cannot say if the letter inside it was found. I made up papers in bundles. I was not present when the bundles were opened.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

(Sd.) M. FAZIL.
30-6-10.

Inspector Muhammed Fazil, Prosecution Witness No. 400, on solemn affirmation, recalled 11th July 1910.

On 30th October 1909 I searched the house at 32, Jeliatola Street. It is Gonesh Das' house. I found this post-card (Exhibit 325) which I signed and this dictionary (326).

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd.) M. FAZIL.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Inspector J. Mulcahy, Prosecution Witness No. 401, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is James Mulcahy. I reside at present in Jorabagan police-station, Calcutta. I am Inspector. I searched the house of Khirode Chandra Ganguli at 12, Bhim Ghose's Lane. I there found this letter in an envelope in a room on the terrace [Exhibit No. 275(1) and (2)]. This is my list (Exhibit 275). The search was on 23rd May and I sent the list and letter direct to this Court.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

30-6-10.

READ over by the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) J. MULCAHY.

30-6-10.

The deposition of Mr. Ryan, Witness No. 402, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is William Ryan. I reside at present at Alipore Central Jail where I am a warder. This (Exhibit 279) is a file of letters written by under-trial prisoners in the Alipore Central Jail. They all bear my signature and were written all in my presence. There are 26 letters in the file.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) WM. RYAN.

The deposition of Mohendra Nath Singha, Witness No. 403, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Mohendra Nath Singha. My father's name is Shama Charan Singha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Bamunmora, Police-station Baraset, Zilla 24-Parganas. I reside at present at Ranchi Training School where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the shop of Bhagwan Das on 29th December 1909. I prepared this list which is correct (Exhibit 280). I found three *roka khatian* books which I made over to the C. I. D., Bengal, with permission of the Magistrate, 24-Parganas.

I also searched the house of Ashutosh Ghose on 20th February 1910 and made this list (Exhibit 281) which is correct. I found these 18 hand-bills [Exhibit 281 (1)] and these papers and books [Exhibit 281 (2)].

I searched the house of Manik Lal Karmakar on 8th November 1909. He was dead before my search. I prepared this list (Exhibit 282). I found four papers of *Mukti kon pats* of which I file three parts [Exhibit 282(1), these three books on Infantry Training [Exhibit 282 (2)], and this book of formulas [Exhibit 282 (3)], and this too [Exhibit 282 (4)]. When I went there Rash Behari Das was living there. He is a relation of Manik.

4th at Ahpur.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6 10.

(Sd.) MOHENDRA NATH SINHA.

The deposition of Nripendra Nath Ghose, Witness No. 404, aged about 37 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Nripendra Nath Ghose. My father's name is Gagan Chandra Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mouza Gouhati, Police-station Srinagar, Zilla Dacca. I reside at present at 6-4-1, Katapukur Lane, Calcutta. I am Sub-Inspector, Calcutta Police. I searched No. 15-1, Gobinda Sirkar's Lane on 20th September 1908. Probash Chandra De lived in that house. I prepared this list (Exhibit 283). I found these—percussion caps and shots (LXXII), this paper [Exhibit 283 (1)] and these [Exhibit 283 (2)].

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
30-6-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) Nripendra Nath Ghose.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Ranjit Kumar Bannerji, Witness No. 405, aged about years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Ranjit Kumar Banerji. My father's name is Devendra Nath Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at 102, Boloram De's Street, Calcutta. I am Sub-Inspector of Police, Special Department.

I searched the dispensary of late Dr. Notobar Mitra on 4th November 1909. Gokul Mitra of Bankura is his son. I prepared this list (Exhibit 284).

I found three copies of *Yugantar* and songs [Exhibit 284 (1)]. I found this photo of Ramdas Chakravarti [Exhibit (284 (2)], this paper *Sonar Bangla*.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
30-6-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) R. K. BANNERJI,
Sub-Inspector.
30-6-10.

The deposition of Uma Charan Chakravarty, Witness No. 406, aged about 45 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 30th day of June 1910.

My name is Uma Charan Chakravarty. My father's name is Koilash Chandra Chakravarty. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Kodalia, Police-station Sonarpur, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am unemployed. Narendra Bhattacharyya is son of Dinabandhu Bhattacharyya. He lives near me. Sushil is Narendra's elder brother. I do not know who Abinash Bhattacharyya is. The police did not ask me about Abinash.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

30-6-10.

Read over to the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) Sri Uma Charan Chakravarti. (*in Bengali*).

The deposition of Sarat Ch. Bose, Witness No. 407, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Sarat Chandra Bose. My father's name is Gopal Chandra Bose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at 34, Mirjaffar Lane, Calcutta. I am shorthand typist of the Financial Secretary of the Government of Bengal. I know Jotindra N. Mukherji. I have worked with him in the same office about 2 years. I have seen his handwriting. This (Exhibit 286) looks like his handwriting. I have not seen much of his writing as he took short-hand notes and typed them out.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) Sarat Ch. Bose.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Mohan Lal Mukherji, Witness No. 408, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Mohan Lal Mukherji. My father's name is Chandra Kumar Mukherji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Mauza Uttarpara, Police-station Serampur, Zilla Hooghly, where I reside. I am Accountant, Bengal Secretariat, in the Financial Department. I know Jotindra Nath Mukherji. He works in our office. Applications for leave are sent to me from the Registrar for report. After I report in the form, and then when the leave is granted the applications are returned to me and I keep them.

This (Exhibit 286) is Jotin's application and this (Exhibit 287) is my report.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd). H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) Mohan Lal Mukerji.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Manmatha Nath Nath, Witness No. 409, aged about 26 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Manmatha Nath Nath. My father's name is Benimadhab Nath. I am by caste Jogi. My home is at Mauza Bhowanipore, Police-station Bhowanipore, Zilla 24-Parganas, where I am a draftsman attached to the District Board, 24-Parganas. I received instructions to enlarge part of the Government map of Hooghly and Howrah districts [Exhibit 288(1) and Exhibit 288]. I have enlarged it to two inches a mile from the Government map of one inch, and the map has been correctly enlarged. I also prepared in the same way a map (Exhibit 291) of part of the 24-Parganas enlarging it from this Government map (Exhibit 291(1)]. It is correctly enlarged.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Manmatha Nath Nath.

The deposition of George Thomas Culloden, Witness No. 410, aged about 28 years, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is George Thomas Culloden. I reside at present at Presidency Jail, Calcutta, where I am a prisoner. I am convict warder. As such, letters of under-trial prisoners are written in my presence. These letters (Exhibits 292—296) were written by the under-trial prisoners who have signed them. I registered them and made them over to the warder on duty. The prisoners have written two copies—one original and one duplicate. Exhibit 292 is original and the rest are duplicate.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Geo. Thos. Culloden.

The deposition of Kamini Mohon Bhattacharyya, Witness No. 411, aged about 33 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Kamini Mohon Bhattacharyya. My father's name is Krista Kissore Bhattacharyya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Kartikpore, police-station Palang, Zilla Faridpur, where I reside at present and where I am a Sub-Inspector on leave. I know Naren Bose. He is like this man (shows Naren after some delay). In 1907 when I was Sub-Inspector at Jamalpore, Mymensingh, some 4 or 5 Calcutta Volunteers—Naren Bose, Indra Nandi, Bepin Behari Ganguli, Sishir Kumar Ghose—came there. I came to know them all. They were arrested in connection with a riot that took place. Proceedings were taken against them under section 107 before the Additional Magistrate, Mymensingh. I submitted the report under section 107. All four were bound down in my presence.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

[*No cross-examination.*]

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

(Sd.) K. M. Bhattacharja.
S. I.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Amareswar Bhattacharyya, Witness No. 419, aged about 23 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Amareswar Bhattacharyya. My father's name is Devendra Nath Bhattacharyya. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mouza Bhowanipur, 36-1, Jeliapara Road, Calcutta. I reside at present at Rawalpindi where I am clerk, Comptroller, Military Accounts office.

I went to Darjeeling last year in October for a change. I was not then in Government service. I stayed at the Lowis Sanitarium. I was there nearly two months. This man (Lalit Chakravarty,) was there. I never went with Lalit to the house of any gentleman in Darjeeling. I do not know Rajat Rai. I have been at Rawalpindi about 14 years. My father is there in the office of Deputy Comptroller. I never went for any walk with Lalit. I was present when his quarters were searched. I never went to any one's house all the 2 months I was at Darjeeling.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

[*Declared hostile and cross-examined.*]

Continues :—

I know Lalit was arrested. I saw him in the Sanitarium before he was arrested, for 8 or 9 days. He lived in my room 8 or 9 days. I had no friends in Darjeeling. The Police did not ask me about Lalit at Darjeeling. The Police asked me nothing about him. I suppose I was called here to prove about the search list.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) A. Bhattacharja.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Radharaman Choudhury, Witness No. 413, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Radharaman Choudhury. My father's name is Binode Lal Choudhuri. I am by caste Mahishya. My home is at Mauza Mothurapur, Police-station Daulatpur, zilla Nadia. I am unemployed. I am a zamindar with co-sharers. I know Manmatha Biswas and Prokriti, who is a sort of relation of mine. There were *swadeshi* meetings at Mothurapur, Bagwan and near Manmatha's house at Madapur. I went to these meetings. Manmatha was present and so were Prokriti, Naren, son of Behari Biswas. Speeches were made by Manmatha against use of English things, saying if we used them we should lose our caste as English eats cow's flesh and drink. Prokriti sang *swadeshi* songs, playing on the harmonium. One Rampada was there also. This happened about a year ago. I have seen Bidhu Bhusan Biswas in our village, staying the night at Panchanan Biswas's. I also know the son of Biseswar Biswas. They were at the *swadeshi* meeting.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Radharaman Choudhury. (*in Bengali.*)

The deposition of Indu Bhusan Sen, Witness No. 414, aged about 24 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Indu Bhusan Sen. My father's name is Srinath Sen. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at Mauza Muragacha, Police-station Nikasipur, Zilla Nadia. I reside at present in Kristanagar, zilla Nadia, where I am sub-overseer of the District Board. I am acquainted with the northern part of the Nadia district. This map (Exhibit 305) is a map showing it. Beliasishi is in the same as Chetoli, in the map. Maharajpur is in the same place as Amdoha in the map. I cannot say where Betberia is.

(Sd) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Indu Bhusan Sen.

The deposition of Kali Das Banerji, Witness No. 415, aged about 18 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Kalidas Banerji. My father's name is Noni Lal Banerji. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at Kidderpore, Zilla 24-Parganas. I am unemployed.

There was an *akra* in 1906 at Kidderpore. I used to go and play there. I was Secretary and one of the leaders of that *akra*. It was called the *Sanskar Samiti*. It was at the end of Mansatala Lane. There was play by little boys of 8 or 10 years old. I know Dr. Sarat Chandra Mitter of Kidderpore and Purna Lal De, who lives in Mansatala Sarat Doctor used to live in Mansatala and then removed to the Diamond Harbour Road. They used to come to *akra* to see at times with other people of Kidderpore. I heard that *sepahis* came there in the morning for wrestling, but I never saw them.

Sarat Doctor and others used to try and close the shops at the time of *rakhibandhan*. There were meetings in the Bhukoylash ground and at the Kidderpore school in favour of *swadeshi*. I saw Sarat doctor at the Bhukoylash meeting. He spoke there. I only remember how he was speaking about *swadeshi*—advising only wearing *swadeshi* clothes.

When *swadeshism* was at its height, Doctor Sarat told me to make my *akra* an *Anusilan Samiti* (changing the name). He said we should get a bigger organization by changing the name. I refused. He quarrelled with me on this and I left the *akra*. In January 1907, my father was ill. When he got better, I found some people were forming into a committee and were running the *akra*, and bigger boys went there. I after that only went on anniversaries or when a crowd went there. Ashutosh Ghose had his *akra* at Berapukhur. I once went there at the *Saratswati puja* to its anniversary. There were wrestling, etc., and *lathi* play. Dr Sarat was there too.

Liakut Hussain was, so I understood, at the meeting at Bhukoylash where Sarat Doctor spoke. Once there was a meeting in the *akra* and one man there was dressed as a Mohammedan and I was told he had left the army. He showed flag signalling. This was 2 or 2½ years ago. The boys did the signalling and he explained to the audience what they were signalling to each other. I know Rash Behari Karmakar's house in Mansatala.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

11-7-10.

Read over and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

11-7-10.

(Sd.) Kali Das Banerji.

11-7-10.

The deposition of Ekramat Ali, Witness No. 416, aged about 42 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Ekramat Ali. My father's name is Hazi Murad Ali I am by caste Musalman. My home is at mauza Captain Bazar, police-station Kutwali, zilla Tippera. I reside at present at Ghatal, zilla Midnapore, where I am Inspector. I searched the house of Troilakhya Nath Rakhit, father of Surendra Nath, *alias* Bhima Charan Rakhit, on 5th November 1909. I prepared this list of what I found (307). It is correctly written. Bhim Rakhit was not present.

I found there eight books and catalogue [307 (1),] this post-card [307(2)] addressed to Bhim, this letter with envelope [307 (3)] and these papers [307 (4).]

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd.) Akamat Ali,
Inspector of Police, Ghatal.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Atul Ch. Singha, Witness No. 417, aged about 28 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Atul Chandra Singha. My father's name is Piari Lal Singha. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Ballia, police-station Khargram, zilla Murshidabad. I reside at present in mauza Bishnupur, police-station Bishtupur, zilla Bankura, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Ram Das Chakravarti at Bankura on 4th November 1909 and prepared this list (308). Ram Das was there. I found a gun, dagger, some used and unused cartridges and powder, LXXIII, LXXIV, LXXV, LXXVI.

These two books 308 (1) and these two letters and envelopes 308 (2) and (3) and these papers 308 (4) note-book etc. 10 pieces.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
11-7-10.

READ over and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Sd). ATUL CHANDRA SINHA,
O. S. I.
11-7-10.

The deposition of Birbol, Witness No. 418, aged about 50 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Birbol. My father's name is Kanayia Lal. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Lahore, where I look after the rents and letting of house of Rai Bahadur Barkut Ram, a vakil. These receipts 323 & 324 are given by my master and I see his signature. It is only on one receipt as I did not get the money on the other. The receipts are for a shop which a Bengali hired for painting sign-boards. When this was written in the receipt, I think it was 8 or 9 months ago.

Chedi Lal introduced him to us. He has a shop too under my master. The receipt bore the name of the man as he gave it.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(*Left thumb-impression of Birbol.*)

The deposition of J. N. Paritandi, Witness No. 419, aged about 30 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 11th day of July 1910.

My name is Jatindra Nath Paritandi. My father's name is Kulada Nanda Paritandi. I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Goaliara, police-station Dubrazpur, zilla Birbhum. I reside at present at Kotalpur, zilla Bankura, where I am Sub-Inspector. I searched the house of Ahindra Ghose on 6th November 1909. I prepared a list. This is it (327). I found this *Khata* book 327(1), the 2 Sandhyas 327(2) and this song-book 327(3). I found these four pictures—Arabindu, Khudiram, Profulla, LXXX. They were besmeared with sandal-wood of which I found this piece LXXXI. There were flowers round the pictures which were on the table (LXXXII). The pictures were obviously worshipped. There was incense there too. The pictures' glasses have been broken since they left me.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
11-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

(Sd). J. N. Paritandi,
Sub-Inspector, Kotalpur Police-Station.
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The deposition of Beni Madhab Ghose, Prosecution Witness No. 420, aged about 70 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of July 1910.

My name is Beni Madhab Ghose. My father's name is Prankrista Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha. My home is at mauza Chetla, police-station Alipur, zilla 24-Parganas, where I am tax-collecting sirkar of the South Suburban Municipality. I know Nur Khan ever since he has had a shop. This is over 10 or 15 years His shop was for sale and repair of guns. He used to send for me when he wanted his accounts adjusted at the time when he had to send the book to the police. He kept a small *khata* himself. I did this for him for eight or nine years. I used to find discrepancies in this *khata*, and I used to have to tell him to put it straight so that I could write up his police books. I used to take the books from the shop and write them at home. About eight or nine months ago Nur Khan came running to me and said the Sahib had come, and he asked me to bring the books. I went to the shop, and Mr. Mulcahy said, "Do you take the books home to write?" I said "Yes," and he said "That must not be done." Since then I have not written up his books for him. I only know of the *jama* and *kharach*. I do not know whether they are correct or not. I remember once 13 or 14 revolvers, which were broken up, were thrown in the river near the shop. I never saw anything else thrown away or destroyed. Others, besides me, wrote up the books at times. He used to pay me As. 8, 6, or 4.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

16-7-10.

(Sd.) SREE BENI MADHAB GHOSE (*in Bengali*).

READ over to witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Jogendra Nath Mukerji, Prosecution Witness No. 431, aged about 38 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of July 1910.

My name is Jogendra Nath Mukerji. My father's name is Annoda Chandra Mukerji I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Chinsura, police-station Hooghly, zilla Hooghly. I reside at present at Arambagh, zilla Hooghly, where I am Inspector. I know Satya Kiran Bhattacharyya. I know, too, his *bhais*—Rojani and Indu Kiran. Indu is his brother and Rojani his cousin—they all live together in one mess. I was going to Kanknarra on the 22nd February last from Sealdah to fetch something confidential from Hooghly. I was then on special duty in the C. I. D. Special Branch. I had about half an hour to wait for my train at Sealdah, and so I came out of the station to buy a boot-lace. He followed me and bought something at the next shop. He followed me back to station and sat down in the compartment I was in. Two or three minutes a ticket checker came and saw Satya's ticket. I said I had a monthly ticket. When we got near Barrackpur, he asked me what my occupation was (I was in plain clothes). I said I did business in rice. He smiled and said, "Why then do you want a monthly ticket?" He had asked me before where I was going; I told him Kanknarra. After that we passed Barrackpur. He asked me where I was going after getting out at Kanknara. I said Chinsura. He asked me what ghat I was going to cross from. I said I was uncertain which of the four ghats. I suspected him owing to his dress and long hair and his following me and his inquisitiveness. I asked him his name. He told me, and said he had come to fetch a calf from Dwarka Nath Bhattacharyya's house at Bhatpara. I asked him why he fetched the calf from so far. We both got down at Kanknarra. I intentionally stayed behind him. He, however, did not go out of station, but stayed by the office. I stopped about 100 yards behind to see where he went. He remained standing there. I went into the Station Master's room and asked the booking clerk if he knew him, and he said "No." I asked him to watch in what direction he went and sat down. The man then came up to Station Master and asked him something about freight. He then went off—not towards Bhatpara to the north—but towards the Mill. I went towards the ghat by a short cut and he then came across a *mat* and came ahead of me—up to a post office by a spot where four roads meet, and there he waited to see which way I was going. I did not then take the usual road, but took the ferry-pound road and went up that road. He then followed me up. I left the ferry-pound road and went westward to the ghat. There is a sweets shop at the corner and he went in. He came out again and followed me on. When I was about 100 yards from the Ghat, I saw him following, and I stopped. I then said, "You are going to Bhattacharyapara at Bhatpara. Why have you come here?" He said that his house was in this direction. We walked to the Ghat, and I asked him which was the house. Then he said he had made a mistake. Another man came up and asked him why he was here, and he went off with him. I told the ferrywallah to let me know whether this man had come there and I crossed. Next day I left Hooghly and went to Naihati and thence to Calcutta. I saw him sitting at Kanknarra station on a bench. Seeing me he got into the compartment behind me. I went and joined him at the next station and asked him if he had brought the calf and he said "No." I told him he would have to show me the house he had been to. He refused to get out. I made him get out at Barrackpur and I told him who I was, and that I doubted his veracity. A train to Kanknarra came into Barrackpur at the time. We got in it, but it did not stop till Naihati, where we got down. I got the help of the Sub-Inspector and took his statement and searched him. In his pockets I found some letters and a note-book. From one letter I saw that Rojani was his *bhai*, and had been arrested in the Howrah political case. He also admitted he was his *bhai*. Next day he was sent to the Magistrate. I verified his statement, and the people of the house said he had not come to get a calf. He was their relation and had been there two or three times in the month—why, they did not know. I was at that time engaged with the Netra dacoity case. A proceeding was instituted under section 109, and he was bound down for a year by Mr. French.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-7-10.

(Sd.) Jogendra Nath Mukherji,

Inspector.

16-7-10.

Read over by the witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Rai Binode Kumar Gupta Bahadur, Prosecution Witness No. 422, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of July 1910.

My name is Binode Kumar Gupta. I reside at present at Calcutta, where I am Inspector in charge of the Special Department, Calcutta Police, since 1905 up to now. From 1905 to 1908 I was, in addition, in charge of Jorasanko Thana

I knew the Bengali newspaper *Sandhya*. There were four prosecutions in connection with it for publishing seditious articles against the Government. The first prosecution was 29th August 1907. Brahma Bandhab Upadhyaya, editor, and Saroda Ch. Sen, manager, and Hari Charan Das, printer, were prosecuted under section 124A. While it was under trial, the editor died. Saroda and Hari appealed to the Lieutenant-Governor for mercy, and the case was withdrawn. The second prosecution was started while the first case was under trial—on 23rd October 1907. It was withdrawn with the first case. A third case was instituted on 27th January 1908 against Manobendra Nath Chatterji, the printer and publisher. He was convicted and sentenced to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1,000 fine. On 19th February 1908 the fourth prosecution was under the Newspaper Incitement to Violence Act of 1908 against the keeper of the New Classic Press—Behari Lal Chakravarty, for publishing an article "*Sasane Kanai*" (Kanai on the funeral pyre). This Kanai was Kanai Lal Dutt, who was hanged for the murder of Norendra Gossain. The press was confiscated to Government in November 1908, and the paper ceased to exist.

The *Jugantar* was prosecuted six times. It was started in March 1906. The first prosecution was against Bhupendra Nath Dutt, convicted 24th July 1907, and sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

The second was against Basanta Kumar and Abinash Chandra Bhattacharyya. Basanta was convicted and sentenced to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment and fine Rs. 1,000 on 2nd September 1907. Abinash was acquitted

The third against Baikuntha Nath Acharyya, who was sentenced to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1,000 fine on 16th January 1908.

The fourth and fifth were against Phanindra Nath Mitra (who is brother of J. N. Mitra of Bankipur). In one case he was sentenced to 1 year 11 months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 on 26th May 1908, and in the other he was sentenced at the High Court Sessions to 3 years' rigorous imprisonment on 22nd July 1908.

The sixth case was against Birendra Nath Banerji, who was convicted by High Court on 18th August 1908 and sentenced to 3 years. After that the paper ceased to exist.

The next paper is *Navasakti*, started on 1st January 1907 by Monoranjan Guha and Bepin Chandra Pal. On 11th January 1908 Mon Mohan Ghose, printer and publisher, was prosecuted and sentenced to 6 months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 on 19th February. In April 1908 Abinash Bhattacharyya and Soilendra Bose (since convicted in the Alipur bomb case) took up this paper at 48, Grey Street, where Arabindo Ghose also lived. They were all arrested before any issue came out. The paper ceased to exist.

The first English paper of the same class was *Bande Mataram*. It was started in July 1906. In October Babu Subodh Chandra Mallik and Arabinda Ghose made the paper into a limited liability company under the name and style of the *Bande Mataram* Printing and Publishing Company, Limited.

In July 1907 Arabindo Ghose, as editor, Hemendra Prosad Bagchi, as manager, and Apurba kumar Bose as printer were prosecuted. Apurba was sentenced to 3 months' rigorous imprisonment and the others were acquitted.

The next case was in May 1908, when the printer, Bishnupoda Sen, was prosecuted. He was seriously ill, and the Lieutenant Governor was petitioned to for mercy and the case withdrawn.

The last case was under the Incitement to Violence Act against Girija Sundar Chakravarti, keeper of the press. The press was confiscated to Government in December 1908, and the paper ceased to exist.

On 6th May 1909 Arabinda Ghose was released from jail. Under him two newspapers were started—one in English (*Karmayogin*) and one in Bengali (*Dharma*). The keeper of the press was Girija Sundar Chakravarti. One Manmatha Ghose as printer and Arabinda Ghose as editor and writer of an article "To my countrymen" were prosecuted. Monmohan Ghose (he had been convicted in connection with the *Nava Sakti*) was convicted and sentenced to 6 months' rigorous imprisonment last month. Arabinda is absconding. There was a seditious article in a January 1910 issue of *Dharma*, and Government directed the printer to deposit Rs. 2,000 security, which was not done. Both papers then ceased to exist.

The periodical *Pantha* was printed and published by Kiron Ch. Mukherji. He was sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment on 23rd February 1909. He was then residing at 68, Maniktolla Street—the *Jugantar* office.

Hunkar is a booklet. The writer is Hiralal Sen of Khulna, and the printer was Kali Charan Bose of Calcutta It was at 36, Mussulmanpara Lane. The writer was convicted to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment on 8th December 1908 at Khulna: Kali Charan was fined Rs. 20 on 3rd March 1909 in Calcutta, and was bound down under section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, for one year on 10th March 1909.

"*Matripuja*" is a drama. The plot is on a fight between demons and gods. The writer gives Surendra Nath and Bhupendra Nath as the gods, and the police and others as the demons. Kunja Behari Ganguli, the author, surrendered in Court recently, and was sentenced

to 1 year's rigorous imprisonment about a week ago. Joti Prasad Ganguli, the publisher, a boy, was acquitted, and Nobin Chandra Pal, the printer, was fined Rs. 200 on 18th April 1909.

"*Holo ki*,"—a pantomime, has been interdicted by Government.

The manuscripts and corrected proofs of *Bartaman Rananiti* were found in the 2nd *Jugantar* search at the *Jugantar* press, and were exhibited in the Alipur bomb case. The printer and publisher was Abinash Ch. Bhattacharji.

Under orders of the Government of Bengal, I am prosecuting Muhammad Seraji of Pabna for sedition in "*Analprabha*" "*Uddhipona*," "*Utchash*," "*Udbhogan*"—four books.

I knew Annada Kabiraj accused well. He used to live at 202, Cornwallis Street. I have several times gone to his house.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.
16-7-10.

(Sd.) BINODE KUMAR GUPTA.
16-7-10.

READ over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

The deposition of Hazari Lal Mukherji, Prosecution Witness No. 423, aged about 32 years, taken on solemn affirmation under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of July 1910.

My name is Hazari Lal Mukherji. My father's name is Dina Bandhu Mukherji - I am by caste Brahmin. My home is at mauza Digambarpur, police-station Kristaganj, zilla Nuddia. I reside at present at Nobodip, zilla Nuddia, where I am Sub-Inspector. In January 1906 I was in charge of Santipur thana. There was an assault on some missionaries. There was that day a talk of the school-boys going to meet Bepin Pal at Santipur. A native Christian lady was being taken by the missionaries from Santipur to Kristanagar. The lady was weeping, as she was unwell. The boys thought she was a Hindu, and these people were taking her away forcibly to make her a Christian. They went up and asked her why she cried. Mr. Hewitt, the head of the C. M. S. School, told them she was a native Christian, and not to bother her as she was ill. The boys objected. They then assaulted Mr. Hewitt and another reverend gentleman with him. Six people were punished for this—this man Kartick Dutt, Birendra Paramanik, Devendra Nath De, Noni Gopal Lahiri, Narendra Kumar Sirkar, and Satya Ranjan Kundu. I investigated that case.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

16-7-10.

(Sd.) Hazari Lal Mukherji,
Sub-Inspector.

Read over by witness and admitted to be correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

The deposition of Mr. Hardless, Prosecution Witness No. 424, taken on oath under the provisions of the Indian Oath's Act, X of 1873, before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 16th day of July 1910.

My name is Charles Hardless. I am Government Expert in Handwriting.

I have examined certain papers given me in this case.

Jotindra Nath Mukherji.

In regard to the handwritings contained in Exhibits 279, letter No. 13, 182, 34 (1), 272 and 273, it is my opinion that Exhibits 279 (letter No. 13), 182, 272 and 273 are in the handwriting of one and the same person. I am of opinion that Exhibit 34 (1) is not in the handwriting of that person.

Bimola De.

In regard to writings contained in Exhibit 279 (letter No. 10), Exhibit 168, Exhibit 48, and Exhibit 45, I am of opinion that both the English and Bengali writings contained in these exhibits are the handwork of one and the same person.

Narendra Bose.

In regard to writings contained in Exhibits 279 (letter No. 26), 103 (1), and 103 (5) in pages initialled by me, under date 15th July 1910, and Exhibit 95 on pages bearing my seal and enclosed in blue, it is my opinion that the English writings on the initialled pages in Exhibits 103 (1) and 103 (5) are not by the writer of Exhibit 279 (letter No. 26).

It is also my opinion that the Bengali writing contained in Exhibit 103 (5) and that in the marked pages of Exhibit 95 are not by the same writer. I have not considered whether the Bengali and English are written by the same man. The signature marked Exhibit 100 (5) (*a*) is in the same handwriting as the signature in Exhibit 279 (letter No. 26).

Naren Chatterji.

In regard to writings contained in Exhibit No. 141 by my seal and enclosed in circle of blue chalk and the English signature contained in Exhibit 60 (9), it is my opinion that the writings are not by the same person. The signature on Exhibit 329 of Narendra Nath Chatterji in English is by the same person as the signature in Exhibit 141.

Harendra Ch. Banerji.

In regard to writing contained in Exhibit 279 (letter No 23) Exhibit 99 (3), address side—also Bengali writings contained in Exhibits 166 and 162 and on the back of post-card [Exhibit 99 (3)], it is my opinion that these are all in the writing of one and the same person. I am also of opinion the writing in note-book [Exhibit 161 (2)] on pages initialled by me, dated 16th July 1910, is by the same writer.

Lalit K. Chatterji.

In regard to writings contained in Exhibits 293 and 114, I am of opinion they are in the handwriting of the same individual In regard to the writings contained in Exhibit 294 and signature [Exhibit 237 (*a*)] and the signature on post-card (Exhibit 114), I am of opinion they are in the handwriting of one and the same person.

I am of opinion that the entries and the signatures of the remitter's portion of money order (Exhibit 169) are in the handwriting of the writer of Exhibit 293.

Gones Das.

With regard to the writing contained in Exhibit 292 and Exhibit 87 (1), I am of opinion that the writing in Exhibit 292 and that on pages 1 and 2 of Exhibit 87 (1) are in the handwriting of one and the same person.

Sollen Das.

In regard to writings in Exhibits 295. 87 (1) and 327 (1) (entries 1—28), I am of opinion that the writing contained in Exhibit 295, pages 3, 4, 5 of Exhibit 87 (1), and writing on the reverse of page 1 of that same exhibit, and the writing in Exhibit 327 (1) are in the handwriting of one and the same person.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-7-10.

(Sd.) Charles Hardless.
16-7-10.

Read over by witness and admitted correct.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
16-7-10.

The deposition of Biswa Narain Sahai, Prosecution Witness No. 495, aged about years, before me, H P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, this 20th day of July 1910.

My name is Biswa Narain Sahai. I reside at present in Alipore Jail, where I am Assistant Jailor.

I produce this paper, Exhibit 329. I have brought it from the Alipore Jail office under orders of Mr. Emerson.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.
20-7-10.

(Sd). B. N. Sahay,
Assistant Jailor, Alipore Jail.
20-7-10.

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Hem Sen, aged about 29 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate of Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Hem Sen. My father's name is Hara Gobinda Sen. I am by caste Kayastha, and by occupation Professor of Music, City College. My home is at Mauza Netra, Thana Diamond Harbour, District 24-Parganas. I reside at 46, Mechua Bazar Street.

Nearly two years I have cut off all the connections with that of the political affairs. The only connection I ever had with political matters was to sing and nothing else. I sang songs in political meetings for four causes. When in my childhood I learnt music, all the gentlemen of our native village hated me very much and so many of my relatives reproached and even cut over all connections with me. So I determined to spread the idea of learning music is a good thing. Thousands of people heard my songs in the political meetings though my villagers hated me. People at the political meetings admired my singing. Secondly, I sang to create a love among the people for indigeneous goods and industry. I do not know the meaning of boycott, *swaraj*, partition of Bengal. Thirdly, the people of mofussil organising meeting took the greatest speakers in Calcutta, and I was paid the same attention and respects as they for my songs, and I was very delighted. I also got the opportunity of seeing many places. Fourthly, I got to know quite easily many great people on account of my singing. I never mixed with any society or *akra* or *samiti* or association. Some of the members of the Anti-Circular Society wanted me to teach them singing, and I was approached through Babu Krista Kumar Mitra, the Superintendent of the City College, but the Secretary of the Society fixed a time when I had to teach at the City College, and I did not go.

A pupil of mine, Surendra Nath Chakravarty, was appointed the teacher of singing to the Anti-Circular Society. I taught him and he went and taught them.

When Risley's Circular was issued, I thought that in any time I shall have to cut off connections with political affairs, for all the communities, specially the Hindu communities, except the Christian and Brahmo community, hate to learn music very much. So I determined that boys should learn music. I then began to attend political meetings rarely. I afterwards heard that the Director of Public Instruction had given notice to the Council about me, Krista Kumar Mitra, Professor of History, and Lalit Mohan Das, Professor of Logic. I did not cease to sing at political meetings as I received no order to explain. After a few months the Principal, Herambo Chandra Moitra, told me his staying on as Principal depended on me as I went to political meetings and he had to be always explaining in writing the conduct of the teachers, and he got all "*hangam*" over it. I promised him "from to-day I promise I will cut off all connections with political matters." I said "accha." I told the principal that I would not cut off connection with the City College. I then got private tuition morning and evening to avoid being asked to go and sing. I after that attended no more meetings. I refused to go to the Baraset Conference though I was a 24-Pargana man. I was extremely moderate. I used only to attend meetings where Surendra Nath Banerji was, as I thought he was a moderate. Three pleaders came to me to ask me to sing at Baruipur. They were Rajani Kanta Banerji or Chatterji, M.A., B L, Amrita Lal Chakravarty, B.L., and Pulin Behari Das, B.L. When I heard some prominent leaders of the extremist party went there, I on a lame excuse declined to go. They were very displeased with me at this. Kedar Dutt, an old senior pleader told me so. This was a few days before I cut off all connections with political affairs. I was in the Congress Camp in the Surat Congress. The Congress Camp was the moderate camp. All knew this as I sang there one morning. I sang the welcome song to Sir Andrew Fraser in the Town Hall reception given to the Hon'ble Jogendra Chandra Ghose. At the Calcutta University Institute shortly before Sir Andrew Fraser left India I sang His Honour's welcome song. Sir Andrew spoke to me and was very pleased and for about an hour he spoke that music was good. When Sir Edward Baker visited the City College six of my students, aged about 8 or 9, sang two welcome songs in Sanskrit. One is a student from Guzerat. I do not from my childhood associate with young men, as I generally sing religious songs. Many of these arrested persons I had never seen before in my life. Many may know me as I sang at many meetings. One or two make *pronams* to me here but I do not know them.

I know Lalit well, as he is my next door neighbour. His family do *puja* in our house. He is very junior to me. From his childhood he is a *pagla*. In 1906 his father kept him in our supervision at 46, Mechuabazar Street. He was only there 5 or 6 months. He suddenly left on giving notice. At 46 is a mess. My elder brother asked him why he left and he gave no reason. After that I saw him rarely except at home or in the street. He never came to the mess. I never saw him there. Two years ago I was at the shop—*Kamalaloy*—a tailor's shop in College Square. I was looking at some silks there to choose a piece of cloth for my shirt. Lalit came there with a 10-rupee note and demanded change for it. He was in a great hurry. Rajendra Nath Chakarbarty, the proprietor, was there at the time. He said to me "Hem Dada balo acchen?" He told me he had to remain in the mofussil. I asked him where. He did not answer. He could not change the note there and went off. Since then I have never seen him at home or at Calcutta.

Music is my constant companion from my childhood. So I never have done any dangerous or mischievous or serious work owing to my music, and I say I never will in

future. I can give a bond not to do any dangerous, serious or mischievous deed in my life in future. When Purna Babu searched my house and arrested me, he found my room full of musical instruments. Purna Babu said he did not believe I could be engaged in serious crime, but that I was arrested as I used to sing. I swear I have no connection with any conspiracy or conspirator

(Sd.) HEM CHANDRA SEN.

(Signature of the accused.)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Signature of Magistrate.)

The above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Signature of Magistrate.)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON

The examination of Bimola Charan Deb, aged about 35 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Bimola Charan Deb. My father's name is Shib Chandra Deb. I am by caste Kayastha, and by occupation a Senior Professor of History and Political Philosophy in the Metropolitan Institution, Calcutta. My home is at 78, Monsatola Lane, Kidderpur.

I am innocent of all the charges. I do not wish to say any more.

(Sd.) BIMOLA CHARAN DEB.

(*Signature of the accused.*)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of Magistrate.*)

The above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of Magistrate.*)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Bijoy Kumar Chakrabarty, aged about 28 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Bijoy Kumar Chakrabarty. My father's name is Bishnu Chandra Chakrabarty. I am by caste Brahmin, and by occupation in service. My home is at Mauza Hagulia, Thana Nattore, District Rajshahi.

I am quite innocent. I shall say more in the High Court.

(Sd.) BIJOY KUMAR CHAKRABARTY.

(Signature of the accused.)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Signature of the Magistrate.)

The above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(Signature of the Magistrate.)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Charu Chandra Ghose, aged about 37½ years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Charu Chandra Ghose. My father's name is Isher Chandra Ghose. I am by caste Kayastha, and by occupation clerk. My home is at Mauza Chetla, Thana Alipore, District 24-Parganas, where I reside.

I do dot know anything about this matter. I am not guilty.

(Sd.) CHARU CHANDRA GHOSE.

(*Signature of the accused.*)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate*).

THE above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate*)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON

The examination of Lalit Kumar Chatterji, aged about 34 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Lalit Kumar Chatterji. My father's name is Modhu Sudan Chatterji. I am by caste Brahmin, and by occupation pleader. My home is at Mauza Koya, Thana Kumarkhali, District Naddia. I reside at Kristnagar

I am not guilty. I do not wish to say anything else.

(Sd.) LALIT KUMAR CHATTERJI.

(*Signature of the accused*)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate*)

The above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H P. DUVAL,

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Hari Das Chakrabarty, aged about 19 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Hari Das Chakrabarty *alias* Sourindra Mohon Chakrabarty. My father's name is Mohini Mohon Chakrabarty. I am by caste Brahmin, and by occupation student My home is at 31 Sitaram Ghose's Street, Calcutta.

I am absolutely innocent from any crime. I do not wish to make any further statement here.

(When asked to sign accused reads over the statement and says it is correctly recorded but says he declines to sign it.)

The above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Soliendra Kumar Das, aged about years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Soilendra Kumar Das. My father's name is Akhoy Kumar Das. I am by caste Kayastha, and by occupation student, now a convict. My home is at Mauza Lonsing, Thana Palang, District Faridpur.

I made a statement before the District Magistrate of Kristnagar. The police extorted it from me by threats and I retract it fully. I am not aware of a single fact mentioned therein nor do I know the persons named. I would not have made this statement if I had known that the statement I made would go in evidence against me. If I have anything to say more I will say in the High Court.

(Sd.) SOILENDRA KUMAR DAS.

(*Signature of the accused.*)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

THE above examination was taken in my persence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED PERSON.

The examination of Nani Gopal Gupta, aged about 28 years, taken before me, H. P. Duval, Additional Magistrate, Howrah, on the 30th day of June 1910, in the English language.

My name is Nani Gopal Gupta. My father's name is Khetra Mohon Gupta. I am by caste Boidya, and by occupation timber merchant. My home is at Mauza Shibpur, Thana Shibpur, District Howrah.

I am innocent of all these charges. I wish to say no more now.

(Sd.) NANI GOPAL GUPTA.

(*Signature of the accused.*)

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

THE above examination was taken in my presence and hearing, and contains a full and true account of the statement made by the accused.

(Sd.) H. P. DUVAL.

(*Signature of the Magistrate.*)

CHARGE.

(Section 6 (*a*) of Act XIV of 1908.)

I, H. P. Duval, Additional District Magistrate of Howrah, hereby charge you, Non Gopal Sen Gupta, Bhuban Mukherji, Bhutan Mukherji, Bistupado Chatterji, Jogesh Chandra Mitter, Atul Mukherji, Gonesh Das, Norendra Nath Bose, Harendra Nath Banerji, Soilendra Kumar Das, Rajani Bhattacharyya, Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya (*alias* Chakravarti), Tinkori Das, Chuni Lal Nandi, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Sushil Kumar Biswas, Monmatha Nath Biswas, Bijoy Chakravarti, Srish Chandra Sirkar, Norendra Nath Bhattacharyya, Bhusan Chandra Mitter, Bimola Charan Deb, Sarat Chandra Mitter, Suresh Chandra Mitter, Satish Chandra Mitter, Upendra Nath De, Kalipado Chakravarti, Soilendra Nath Chatterji, Dasarathi Chatterji, Shibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Monmatha Nath Rai Chaudhuri, Kiran Chandra Rai, Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar, Suresh Chandra Mazumdar, Jotindra Nath Mukherji, Haripado Adhikari, Charu Chandra Ghose, Pulin Behari Sirkar (*alias* Mitra), Ramapoda Mukherji, Bhupendra Rai Chaudhuri, Tara Nath Rai Chaudhuri, Kartik Chandra Dutt, Pabitra Dutt, and Annoda Rai as follows:—

First.—That you, between the Christian years 1905 and 1910, both inclusive, at Sibpur in the District of Howrah and at other places in British India, did conspire with one another and with other persons, to wit—Narendra N. Chatterji, Satish Chandra Sirkar and with other persons known and unknown, to wage war against His Majesty the King-Emperor and deprive the King-Emperor of the sovereignty of British India and to overawe by means of criminal force or show of criminal force the Government of India by law established, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 121A of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the High Court at Fort William in Bengal under the provisions of Act XIV, of 1908.

Secondly.—That you, between the Christian years 1905 and 1910, both inclusive, at Sibpur in the District of Howrah and at other places within British India, did collect men, arms and ammunition and did otherwise prepare to wage war with the common intention of either waging war or being prepared to wage war against His Majesty the King-Emperor of India, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 122 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the High Court at Fort William under the provisions of Act XIV, of 1908.

Thirdly.—That you, between the years 1905 and 1910, inclusive, at Sibpur in the District of Howrah and at other places within British India, by divers acts and illegal omissions, did conceal the existence of a design to wage war against His Majesty the King-Emperor of India, intending by such concealment to facilitate, or knowing it to be likely that such concealment will facilitate, the waging of such war, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 123 of the Indian Penal Code, and within the cognizance of the High Court at Fort William under the provisions of Act XIV, of 1908.

And I hereby direct that you be tried by the said Court on the said charges.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

Magistrate.

Dated this 20th day of July 1910.

King-Emperor versus *Lolit Mohan Chakravarti, Noni Gopal Sen Gupta, Bhutan* (alias *Kristadhan*) *Mukherji, Bhuban Mukherji, Bistupada Chatterji, Jogesh Mitter* alias *Madaru, Atul Mukherji, Genesh Das, Norendra Nath Bose, Harendra Nath Banerji, Haridas* alias *Sourindra Mohon Chakravarti, Soilendra Kumar Das, Rajani Bhattacharyya, Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya* (alias *Chakravarti*), *Tinkori Das, Chuni Lal Nandi, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Sushil Kumar Biswas, Manmatha Nath Biswas, Norendra Nath Biswas, Bijoy Chakravarti, Srish Chandra Sirkar, Norendra Nath Bhattacharyya, Bhusan Chandra Mitter, Bimola Charan Deb, Saral Chandra Mitter, Suresh Chandra Mittir, Satish Chandra Mitter, Upendra Nath* alias *Badul De, Kalipada Chakravarti, Soilendra Nath Chatterji, Dasarathi Chatterji, Sibu Hazra, Atul Pal, Manmotha Nath Roy Chaudhuri, Kiran Chandra Rai* (alias *Harendra Rai*), *Lolit Kumar Chatterji, Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar* alias *Karada, Suresh Chandra Mazumdar* alias *Poran, Hem Chandra Sen, Jotindra Nath Mukherji, Haripada Adhikari, Jotin Hazra, Charu Chandra Ghose, Pulin Mitter* alias *Pulin Behari Sirkar, Ramapada Mukherji, Bhupendra Rai Chaudhuri, Prakriti Biswas,* alias *Mosundar, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukherji, Kristapada Biswas, Tara Nath Rai Chaudhuri, Kartick Chandra Dutt, Pakirta Dutt, Annoda Rai, and Bhupendra Nath Banerji.*

THE above accused, with the exception of Bhupendra Nath Banerji, are prosecuted under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, and 124, Indian Penal Code, under sanctions of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, given on 1st March 1910, 15th March 1910, and 16th May 1910.

The first 43 accused and Bhupendra Nath Banerji were also prosecuted under section 400, Indian Penal Code.

In addition to these, complaint was also made against Norendra Nath Chatterji and Satish Chandra Sirkar, who have not been, however, arrested and are reported to be absconding.

The charge under section 400 has not been pressed.

Bhupendra Nath Banerji, who is on bail, is therefore discharged.

The case has been enquired into under the orders of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal with the sanction of the Governor-General in Council under the provisions of Part I of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act XIV of 1908.

The accused have not been represented by Pleaders, nor have they been present throughout the proceedings.

The case for the prosecution is that there is a large Secret Society which originally started in Calcutta and has spread throughout several districts of the provinces of Bengal and Eastern Bengal and Assam, the members of which are bound by vows to serve their leaders in any way until the British Administration is overthrown and India is independent.

For this object, it is said, for some years money and arms have been collected by dacoity and other means, attempts have been made to seduce from their allegiance certain *sepahis* of the 10th Jat Regiment recently quartered at Alipore in the suburbs of Calcutta, and *samitis* and associations have been formed at various places, nominally for intellectual and physical recreation, but actually for the purpose of collecting young men to assist in carrying out its treasonable objects. Members of the Secret Society have also used associations they found already in existence for the same purpose.

In support of the case for the Crown, about 425 witnesses have been examined.

Pardons were tendered under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code to two of the accused—Lalit Mohon Chakravarti and Jotin Hazra—and accepted by them.

Evidence in corroboration of these two approvers' statements on a large number of material points has also been adduced. Certain statements made by two other accused in the nature of confessions, in which they implicate themselves and others in the commission of dacoities and in associating with other alleged members, have also been put in. The prosecution also seek to connect the present accused with a large number of crimes of a political nature which have taken place during recent years.

Lalit Chakravarti has given details as to the nature of the society, the ceremony of initiation, and the vows taken by the members. He has given a large number of names of members (over two hundred) living in different parts of the two provinces. He says he was himself initiated in Calcutta at the house of Indra Nandi, and afterwards initiated others at different places in Bengal.

Jotin Hazra speaks to his initiation at Sibpur. Two ex-soldiers of the 10th Jats say they were asked to take the oath. In the house of Upen De, at Santragachi, a form was found, which appears to be an application for membership of a secret society, and on it a number given in pencil similar to the number referred to in Soilen Das's statement and found in the note-book of Harendra Banerji who was arrested at Kushtia. In Upen De's house, too, was found a list of names of persons who would help the cause, three of whom have been described as martyrs. Those three have been shown to be men who have been before the courts as accused for political offences.

When Soilendra Chatterji was arrested at Mirpur station, a copy of 10 vows, similar to those spoken to by Lalit, was found.

In Kiron Rai's house at Cheila a copy of vows was found, and a form of membership of a society—the members of which bound themselves not to do any work for Government—was found in the house of Bimola Deb.

Letters and post cards found in search also connect some of the accused with one another and with other persons whose loyalty has been in issue in previous cases such as the Alipore Bomb Case. Some of these accused have also been shown to have been connected with

the *Chatra Bhandar* in Calcutta, which, again, appears to be connected with the establishment which used to issue the *Jugantar* newspaper.

In the house of Jotindra Nath Mukherji was found a paper (not apparently in his writing) in which proposals for a society are set out—one of the objects of which is clearly to print articles in such a way that the police cannot trace their origin.

In connection with this case and former cases a very large number of houses have been searched and a large mass of literature of a seditious nature found. This I am more fully dealing with in considering what evidence exists against each accused.

Besides the evidence above referred to, evidence has been given of dacoities evidently carried out by *bhadraloks* and in some of which accused before me have been convicted—

of the murder of two police officers;

of collection of arms and ammunition and of finding of the same in various places;

of attempts to tamper with the loyalty of some *sepahis* of the 10th Jats; and

of general association among the accused.

To this evidence I will now briefly refer, and after that deal with the question of what *primâ facie* case there is against each accused.

(*a*)—Evidence as to Dacoity.

The first dacoity which the prosecution in the complaint connects with the conspiracy is one that is alleged to have taken place at the Chingripota Railway Station, Eastern Bengal State Railway, on the 6th December 1907. The evidence in this case is that certain young men, among whom were two of the present accused—Narendra Nath Bhattacharjya and Bhusan Chandra Mitter *alias* Gule, came to the station at night, injured a porter who opposed them, forced their way into the office, and having got the keys of the safe, rifled it and decamped with about Rs. 600, shouting *Bande Mataram*. The station master complained at once and Narendra was put on his trial, but discharged by the Deputy Magistrate of Sealdah. Bhusan Mitra apparently was not to be found at the time. When Narendra was arrested, a manuscript of a seditious character and a book on modern warfare were found on his person. Lalit refers to this dacoity as the work of the *Atmannoti Samiti*, and says that after the dacoity he, under Indra Nandi's orders, fetched some of the money from one Kali Rai and made it over to Probash De. W. 110, 111, 113-115, 119, 181.

It appears to be a fact that there was a dacoity committed and that by *bhadraloks*.

The next dacoity is one which occurred at Sibpur in the house of Khirode Chandra Das Sen on the 3rd April 1908. On this occasion fire-arms were used. Narendra Nath Chatterji (accused absconding), who lived at Kidderpore at the time, was arrested in connection with this dacoity, but discharged without trial for want of evidence. No evidence has been adduced to show who were the actual dacoits beyond Lalit's statement. W. 189, 191, 192, 23[illegible], 283.

The Bighati dacoity took place on 16th September 1908. On this occasion certain young men of the *bhadralok* class went to the house of Kisori Mohon Rai, the President of the Bighati Union, and on the assertion that they were C. I. D. officers, and he had been hiding bombs in his house, searched it and took away a considerable amount of property.

Finding after they left that these young men were not police but dacoits, Kisori Mohon Rai at once informed the police. At the trial one Panna Lal Chatterji became an approver, and four persons, among them Kartick Dutt—were convicted by the Special Tribunal of the Hon'ble High Court. Panna Lal has given evidence in this case, and he says this dacoity was worked by Kartick Dutt, who was a co-member with him of what he calls the *Jugantar* gang. He also says he thinks that Jogesh Mitter was one of the dacoits, and knows that Keshab De (who was known to both of the approvers in this case as a member of the Secret Society, and who is alleged to have been murdered by other members) got men from Howrah to assist in the dacoity. W 294, 352, 355.

We next come to an attempted dacoity at Protapdhak during the *Kali Puja* in 1908. Jotin Hazra speaks about this dacoity and the arrangements made for carrying it out. According to him, Satis Mitra of Kidderpore and others from the neighbourhood of Calcutta were concerned in the attempt with some local people from Kurchi and the neighbourhood. The case was only an attempt as, when the dacoits came up a little after dusk, the villagers came out and the dacoits disappeared. 82, 83, 337

On 2nd December 1908 occurred the Morehal dacoity. This, according to Jotin Hazra, was the work of the Kurchi men with some assistance from Gar Bhowanipur. In this dacoity the dacoits were armed, but the villagers came out and managed to arrest one man red-handed, who was afterwards convicted. Jotin and Hari Adhikari confessed, and they two and Dasu were also put on their trial in this case, but were acquitted for want of evidence. According to Jotin, part of the property stolen on this occasion was taken by him to Nani Gupta at Sibpur. 89, 90-94, 145, 184, 186, 190.

On the 27th February 1909 two dacoities were committed in neighbouring houses at a village Musarpur, and one of the owners of the houses was badly wounded. There is nothing beyond a hearsay statement of Jotin's to connect this dacoity with any of the present accused; but from the evidence given, it appears to have been the work of educated people with fire-arms. 194-196, 208.

Of the next dacoity the evidence given is very full. It took place at Netra on the 23rd April 1909, and from the first Lalit Mohon Chakravarti was suspected by his

co-villagers to have been at the bottom of it. Lalit has given a full account of his version of what occurred. Soilendra Das also, in a statement he made in the Krishnagar Jail, gives an account, too, in which, however, he differs from Lalit in some particulars. The fact that a dacoity did take place is proved by the evidence of the complainant and several members of his family.

17-24, 26-27, 51.

Evidence is also given to show that on the evening before the dacoity some young men got out at Deola *alias* Nazra station (the station next to Netra on the Calcutta side), and were helped across the bridge by Akil Fakir. Some were also seen by a railway porter near Deola station. Early next morning Gopal Bhandari and his nephew saw some young men coming from the Netra direction to the Joynagar side, and Bama Charan Bhattacharyya an old priest, saw four young men—one of whom he identified as Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya, going in the same direction. Papers and remains of food, a recent copy of a newspaper, called *Nayak*, and two cartridges were found in a field near. The pieces of paper were put together and found to be part of an invitation to attend a meeting of the Mozilpur (Joynagar) Students' and Young Men's Association, addressed to a person whose name is partly Raj . ...K.....B.

W. 112, 50

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25, 58, 120, 121, 165, 186.

The evidence of the secretary and another youth shows that Rajani Kanto Bhattacharyya, —Indu Kiran's cousin—was invited to a meeting of the association, of which he was a member about that time.

Lalit Chakravarti was seen next morning at Mograhat station on his way to Calcutta.

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Soilendra Das says he and others got into the train next morning at Sangrampur station, and that a *jatra* party of Bhusan Das was travelling at the same time. Bhusan Das and his assistants prove that this is so.

48, 180, 266.

Chuni Nandi, Rajani and Lalit have also been identified as having been seen coming on their way back a few days after from Mozilpur (from which place Lalit says the looted property was brought to Sibpur) to Baruipur station. Keys which fit two of the boxes which were in the Netra house, and which Lalit says were thrown into a tank at Sibpur, were found in a tank at Sibpur some time in April and May last.

47, 108.

W. 179, 324, 329.

Thus it appears established that there was a dacoity at Netra, committed by Lalit Chakravarti and others, who had some connection with people at Sibpur and Mozilpur, and there is *primâ facie* evidence to show that besides Lolit, Rajani and Indu Kiran Bhattacharyya, Soilendra Das and Chuni Nandi were in the gang that committed the dacoity.

The other three dacoities, which the prosecution seek to connect with this accused, all occurred in the north part of the Nadia district.

W. 347-349, 365, 326-328

A dacoity occurred at Raita on 29th November 1908 in a house where there were only some women and children and a servant, who appears to have been beaten. Sushil Biswas, one of the accused, made a statement a year later to the District Magistrate of Nadia, in which he implicated some of the present accused, including one Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, who is shown to have been absent from school on the day the dacoity was committed.

On 27th July 1909 a dacoity with fire-arms took place at Maharajpur in another widow's house. A village chaukidar gives evidence that the dacoits were *bhadroloks*. He went to the spot, but could do nothing as they were armed.

394, 372.

Lastly, there is the Haludbari dacoity which occurred on the 28th October 1909. Of the intention to commit it Lalit speaks, saying he was at Darjeeling at the time and money was sent from there for its being carried out. The evidence shows that it was done by some people who came from Calcutta, with the help of some local people, too. Six men from Calcutta were arrested at once at the Mirpur railway station the following morning, and on one of their persons were found cyanide of potassium pills. In course of the enquiry, too, papers were found which tended to connect some of the present accused with a revolutionary society. Ten of the present accused were put on their trial before the Special Tribunal of the Hon'ble High Court on the charge of dacoity only, and seven were convicted.

123-130, 132.

140-164 167, 268, 275.

(b.)—Collection of Arms and Ammunition.

Besides the statements of the two approvers as to the use of arms and their collection and the finding of arms and ammunition during investigations into dacoities which I have already referred to, there is evidence given to show that certain of the present accused or people associated with them, had with them arms and ammunition to which they were not at law entitled.

At Chedapathar, Rukini Rai was seen with a revolver, and he is alleged to have also had some bows and arrows made for him by a villager of that part of the country. Some ammunition was found at the house of Kiran Rai at Chetla, and a cartridge was found in the search of Bimola De's house. Shibu Hazra and his father were found in possession of an old unlicensed pistol, for which they were fined. At Koya, in Nadia, the evidence is that Nilaran Chandra Mazumdar had some arrow-heads made for him. The revolver used to murder M. Shamsul Alum has been shown to be one which disappeared from the custody of its owner, Rai Purno Ch Maulik Bahadur, in December last.

383, etc.

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Evidence, too, has been given as to the finding of arms and bombs in the Muraripukur garden, of target practices by some Babus (not identified) at the Salt Lakes, and of shooting at Kuleswar near Diamond Harbour. Lalit gives evidence of two shooting expeditious to

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Kaldip and Kuleswar about Christmas 1908, and his evidence is corroborated by that of others who saw Charu Ghose with some young men on their way to and at Kuleswar shooting. A Netra witness also speaks to knowing of Lalit shooting at Diara near Netra and Kuleswar. Soilendra Das had spoken to the shooting practice at the Salt Lakes. Evidence has also been given to show the very large amount of ammunition that Charu Ghose (who held a license) has fired in the last two or three years. Evidence is also given to show that Nur Khan, formerly a licensed dealer in arms and ammunition at Chetla, has shown in his register large number of arms and ammunition as destroyed. He is connected by Lalit with the conspiracy. 34-38, 46, 17, 289, 360.

At 4, Raja's Lane, arms were found in a box belonging to Tara Nath Roy Chaudhuri in May 1908. After the arrest of Lalit, on information given by him, Tara Nath was arrested at Benares and put on his trial under the Arms Act. He has been found guilty at the Criminal Sessions of the High Court. 193, 317, 318

On Lalit's information Bijoy Chakravarti's house was searched. Subsequently his office (he was in the service of the Dighapatia Raj) was also searched. Pistols were found in a box there. He has been convicted by the Sessions Judge of Rajshahi. 340-346, 364, 366.

On search of the house of Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhuri, too, several used and unused cartridges were found, for which he has no license and for which he has been separately prosecuted before the Magistrate at Rajshahi.

(c)—Murder of Police Officers.

Sub-Inspector Nanda Lal Banerji was shot dead with a revolver in Serpentine Lane on the 11th November 1908. Lalit's statement is that he was told to watch the Sub-Inspector's house by Madaru (Jogesh Mitter) and by Nani Gopal Gupta. He, under orders, took a revolver and cartridges from Charu Ghose to Hem Sen, and a few days after was told to watch the house again. In the evening Hem Sen, Narendra Bose, and Bhusan Chandra Mitra came to St. James's Square and then went on towards Serpentine Lane after dismissing him. Shortly after he heard of the murder and went to see the body.

Evidence is given to show that Nanda Lal Banerji had been attending the Alipur Court in connection with the Alipur Bomb Case. One Bhogan Das, a *duri* living at Karya, has been examined. He says three men committed the murder—two ordinary height and one bigger. He could not identify any one. None of the three accused named by Lalit could, however, be called tall. It appears clear that the murder was committed for political reasons, but as to who were the murderers we have only the uncorroborated statement of Lalit. Soilendra Das seems, however, to have rather suspected Rukmi Rai. 299, 300, 302, 316,

Maulvi Shamsul Alum was murdered in the High Court by one Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta on the 24th January 1910. Lalit named Birendra as one of the Secret Society on the 26th March 1910, when he was giving his deposition before me. He had, shortly after the murder, recognised a photo of Birendra shown him by Sub-Deputy Magistrate Babu S. P. Ganguli. Birendra was tried and convicted. The evidence given shows that the weapon he used was a revolver, the property of a Deputy Magistrate Rai Purno Ch. Maulik Bahadur Subdivisional Officer of Jajpur, who had lost the revolver in December. The Deputy Magistrate came to Calcutta then, bringing the revolver with him, and stayed in the house of Kissori Lal Sirkar, keeping the revolver in a bag in the *boitakkhana* in which he slept. Poran accused shared the same room. He left Calcutta on the evening of the 19th, Poran seeing him off at Howrah station. When he reached his house at Jajpur, he found the revolver missing. He reported the disappearance of the revolver to the Calcutta Police. 232-243, 245, 246, 251, 342.

Birendra, two days before his execution, made a statement to the Chief Presidency Magistrate in which he implicated Jotindra Nath Mukerji as having instigated the murder. The following day he repeated the statement in the presence of Jotin, Counsel appearing for the latter.

(d)—Attempts to seduce certain men of the 10th Jats from their allegiance.

In June 1908 the Officer in Command got information that some Bengalis were coming to the lines and trying to talk to the soldiers. He informed the Commissioner of Police, who put detectives on to see who these men were. These detectives give evidence to the effect that one of the Bengalis was like Bhutan Mukerji. Evidence of neighbours also goes to show that certain soldiers used to go to the house and dispensary of Sarat Mitra in Kidderpore, and one Ramgopal has been identified as having been there. It is also shown that, at a celebration of the "*Holi*" held at Bhogwan Das's house in Kidderpore, some *sepāis* were present and took the thread at the *Homad* ceremony. Among them was one Surjan. Narendra Nath Chatterji assisted at the ceremony.

Lalit identified Surjan and Chunai Havildar shortly after his arrest as two of the members of the Secret Society. They have since been convicted by Court Martial.

Surjan, Ramgopal and Chunai, ex-Havildar, have given their evidence. Chunai says that he asked for the sacred thread at the *Homad* ceremony; and subsequently he was at

Sarat's house, where a pundit, who appears to be Naren Chatterji—absconding—asked him to take an oath to injure the English, but he refused. He says Surjan had told him he had taken the oath.

Surjan admits talking with Babus in Kidderpur Bazar, and going with Ramgopal and a Bengali Brahmin who worked in Bhogwan Das's shop—Narendra Nath Chatterji—to Sibpur one night. They went to a house there where he took an oath. Subsequently he says he received Rs. 50 from Naren Chatterji at Sarat's house, which he says he only knew later to have been given him to assist in fighting against Government. He went home in the rains of 1909, and Naren Chatterji went with him.

Ramgopal admits, too, having gone to Sibpur with Surjan, but he denies having taken any oath. The house he went to belonged to two Babus, one of whom is Bhutan.

Evidence is also given that Naren Chatterji was at Lahore about the time he is alleged by Surjan to have gone up-country.

Surjan Singh pointed out certain places to Mr. Baldwin, Deputy Magistrate, and identified Bhuban and Bhutan's house in Sibpur as the places where the oath was taken.

The evidence given supports Lalit's statement in the main, though Surjan denies that he ever received from Lalit any money as Lalit asserts.

(e)—Evidence of Association.

General evidence of association of different groups of these accused has also been adduced. At Joynagar, Mozilpur, it is in evidence that there was an *akra* to which a large number of the boys in the village went. Of it Tinkori Das, Chuni Nandi, Rajani, and Indu Kiron Bhattacharyya were members. At this village, too, is the Students' and Young Men's Association, of which Rajani and others were members, and evidence of what was found when its premises were searched has also been given. Literature of a seditious nature and portraits of persons who have been found guilty of sedition or murder were found in the premises. Chuni Nandi is shown to have been at one time on the staff of the *Chatra Bhandar*, and Tinkori Das is proved to have been for a time residing with Sarat Mitra at Kidderpur.

Kidderpur witnesses speak to the association of Sarat Mitra, Suresh and Satish Mitra, Naren Chatterji, Lalit Chakravarti and others and of two *akras* there; while searches at the house formerly occupied by Manik Das, now deceased, resulted in the finding of a copy of the *Mukte Kon Pothe* and of books on infantry drill. I have already referred to the association of some of these accused with members of the 10th Jat regiment.

At Sibpur it is stated that Noni Gupta and Bhuban and Bhutan Mukerji were usually to be found together. Evidence is also given connecting Bistupado Chatterji and Jogesh Mitra with them.

At Kurchi it appears that Shibu Hazra, Jotin Hazra, Dasarathi Chatterji, Atul Pal, and Haripado Adhikari were friends. It is also stated that they were seen with two Calcutta people, and at times with Manmatha Nath Rai Chaudhuri and one Krista Ghose. Bhusan Mitra and Naren Bhattacharyya are stated to have been friends at Chingripota, and to have helped one another in promoting *swadeshi*. They have also been seen going out to shoot.

It is shown that several of the accused were at Benares with Lalit—named Norendra Nath Bose, who had a *swadeshi* shop there, Tara Nath Rai Chaudhuri, Horendra Nath Banerji, Pobitra Dutt, and Chuni Lal Nandi.

Gonesh Das and Soilendra Nath Das, who were at a school in Calcutta together, are shown to have been intimate with one Ram Das Chakravarti at Bankura and Upendra De at Santragachi, and Horendra's diary shows that he knew Gonesh Das. Gonesh Das, too, appears to be known to the Nattore and Rajshahi people.

Evidence is given to show that Bijoy Chakravarti, Satish Sirkar (absconder), Sirish Sirkar, Lalit Chakravarti and others were closely connected with one another at Nattore, where they started an *asram*. Atul Mukerji is also said to have been a private tutor there.

At Rampore Boalia, Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, Manmatha Biswas, Rampado Mukerji, Bhupendra Rai Chaudhuri, and Bijoy Chakravarti are said to be associates

Sirish Sirkar and Sushil Biswas are also shown to have often been at Beliashishi, staying with Bidhu Bhusan Biswas.

Evidence is also given that at Kristnagar Poran and Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar were connected with the Arya Chemical Factory and were associates.

That Noni Gupta knew Sarat Mitter and Jogesh Chandra Mitter is further found by the evidence of certain jail officers who found him writing to them in jail, advising them apparently what defence to put in in this case.

At Jagachha, in Howrah, it is stated that Upen De, Pulin Sirkar, and Kali Chakravarti were regularly seen about together. Jotin Mukerji is shown to have been friendly with Bhobo Bhusan Mitra and others, who have been connected with the Alipore Bomb Case, at Kushtia.

Evidence is also given to show that Horendra Nath Banerji tried to pass a letter into the Kushtia Sub-Jail to Soilendra Nath Das.

In dealing with the evidence against each accused, I have referred to the evidence of association in fuller detail.

Lalit Mohan Chakravarti, the first approver, has made a statement of very considerable length. His story is that in 1902 he met one Sachidananda Swami, from whom he received certain religious and secular instructions. He passed the Entrance Examination in 1905, and in October 1906 was sent by his father to Calcutta to learn shorthand and typewriting. He stayed some short time with Hem Sen (accused), who, he said, first spoke to him about joining a revolutionary society. He then fell in with one Probhash De and joined the *Atmonnoti Samiti*, where he practised with *lathi*, sword, and dagger. There he met a large number of other youths. He was next introduced to Indra Nandi (accused in the Alipore Bomb Case) and then joined the *Jugantar Chatra Bhandar* mess in Bhowani Charan Dutt's Lane. He was then initiated into the Secret Society and took the ten vows.

After this he acted in various capacities at Indra Nandi's house, and at the end of 1906 was sent to a place called Chedapattar at the extreme west of the Bankura district, where some youths apparently connected with the *Chatra Bandhdra* were clearing some jungles and building themselves a retreat There he stayed for some time with a short holiday, after which he got ill and returned to Calcutta. On return he stayed for a time with Indra Nandi until he went home for the *Pujas* of 1907.

After his return to Calcutta he says he was present when the Chingripota dacoity was planned, and after it he was sent to fetch some of the money stolen on that occasion.

He next attended an exhibition at Khanakul, where he showed a magic lantern. A little later he went to Kalikapur, where he opened a public *samiti* and initiated some members.

About Good Friday, 1908, he went again to Khanakul, and after his return to Calcutta stayed at Colonel Nandi's garden-house in Ballygunge. He speaks, too, of Indra Nandi going out with revolvers about the time of the Sibpur dacoity (April 1908). When certain persons were arrested in the Maniktola garden and the Alipore Bomb Case was started, he removed from Ballygunge, bringing the arms kept there, and some of these arms were taken to 4, Raja's Lane, and the rest to Sibpur. He gives an account of how Indra Nandi damaged his hand. After a little he was, he says, sent to Telkul Ghat, Howrah, to meet others, for the purpose of going out on a dacoity, but nothing was done. He then, with two others was sent to Benares. Here he opened a *samiti* and met other accused who came from Calcutta.

On the arrest of Indra Nandi, fearing arrest, he returned to Calcutta

His next exploit was going to Dacca to fetch some of the loot obtained in what is known as the Burra dacoity. This was about the time of the *Pujas* of 1908.

He then says he was shadowing Nanda Lal Banerji, Sub-Inspector, in Serpentine Lane, and knew who murdered him. This murder took place on the 11th November 1908. After that he went to live with Sarat Mitter at Kidderpur. While there, he took money to *sepahis* in the Alipore lines, and about Christmas he twice went to places near Diamond Harbour for shooting and target practice. It was at Kidderpur, too, that he came to know Noni Gupta, of Sibpur, and to hear about the organization of the Secret Society. He assisted in various matters at Kidderpur, and was present when Keshab De and Noni Gupta quarrelled over the loot of the Bighati dacoity. He then went to Nattore to Sirish Sirkar. While there he saw Keshab De one night and next day was told by Sirish that he had been murdered by Bhusan Mitter and Tinkori Das. On return to Kidderpur, he was sent out to commit a dacoity at Moshat. The dacoity, however, did not take place owing to lack of men and other difficulties. After that various dacoities were arranged for, and finally he, with others, committed a big dacoity at Netra, his native village.

After bringing back the loot from that dacoity, hearing his name had been given by the neighbours and that he was wanted by the police, he was sent to Kristnagar and other places, and finally stayed some time with Bidhu Biswas at Beliashishi, in the north part of Nadia, under the name of Lal Mohan Chaudhuri. He then went on to Nattore for a time, where he acted as a private tutor. There, too, he made preparations for a dacoity, and for that purpose he went to Calcutta to collect arms. Returning from Calcutta, he stayed on in Nattore and then came to Calcutta, where he saw his father. Owing to illness he went to Darjeeling to the Lowis Sanitarium. While at Darjeeling he was arrested.

After arrest he made two statements to the Subdivisional Officer of Diamond Harbour.

His statements were verified on the spot by two Deputy Magistrates.

Lalit in his statements at Diamond Harbour gave a short sketch of the objects and organization of the Secret Society, giving a large number of names. Before me he has given more detailed evidence as to whom he knew to be members, and how the members intended to collect money, arms, and men.

After he made his statement at Diamond Harbour, Lalit went first with one and afterwards with another Deputy Magistrate and pointed out the various places referred to by him.

These officers have given evidence as to what they saw and found.

Jotin Hazra—the other approver—is a youth living at Kurohi in the jurisdiction of Singti thana and about 25 or 30 miles west of Howrah.

He is a youth of not much education, and says that he was originally in a shop in Calcutta. When the shop was closed he returned home. He then lived in idleness with some other youths of his village. His story is that Shibu Hazra explained to him the workings of the society, and after a little took him to Sibpur, where he was initiated by Noni Gupta.

After his initiation various efforts were made with the help of some Calcutta persons to commit dacoities under orders of Noni Gupta. One of them was at Pertapchak about November 1908. Finally he and others went and committed a dacoity in December 1908 at Morehal. At this dacoity one Manmatha Rai Chaudhuri was caught red-handed. Jotin was suspected and came to stay at Sibpur under Noni Gupta's protection for a time. He also stayed with others of the present accused, including Upen De. He then brought back some of the loot of the dacoity, but shortly afterwards was arrested. He was, however, acquitted in the Sessions Court. Subsequently he was called on to show cause why he should not be bound down under section 110. Soon after his arrest in connection with this case, he made a statement to the then District Magistrate. His statement has been subsequently verified by a Deputy Magistrate.

The rest of the evidence consists of corroboration of the approvers' statements and of certain statements of others—accused. Lolit has, among other points, some of which I have already dealt with, been materially corroborated on the following part of his story:—

That Sachidananda Swami stayed at Panchgram, as Lalit says, in 1902 is proved by the statement of Amar Krista Deb (Witness 311).

Hem Sen (an accused) admits that when Lalit first came to Calcutta he put up with him, but left after a little while.

W 177. Lalit states that soon after his initiation he was sent to watch No. 7, Alipore Lane, to see in what way money was sent from there to Matiabrus. Mr. Deveria, a contractor, states that money was sent every week to his lime kilns opposite Matiabrus every Sunday. As to its being sent by bicycle, he does not corroborate Lalit.

Several witnesses speak to the incidents at Cheddapattar, supporting thereby Lalit's statement about it. It is proved that boys from Calcutta did attend at a *mela* at Khanakul with a magic lantern. The facts which Lalit mentions about the theft at the *Chatra Bhandar* are corroborated by the police papers which show that, when the theft was first reported in the morning after its occurrence, Pabitra Dutt, one of the chief managers, was not present, but that he returned from up-country on the same day.

The magic lantern performance at Kalikapur and the starting of a *samiti* there is proved by the evidence of several local witnesses. Several witnesses have also spoken to his presence in Benares. His being at Basuldanga on his way to Borya to see if the goddess in the temple there had any ornaments worth stealing is spoken to by the husband of Sarat Mitra's
W. 113. maid-servant. The quarrel with an old Brahmin on the day of the *Dol Jatra* in 1909 and
97. the fact that the cases instituted were settled out of Court by Sarat Mitra is also proved. As
101- to the cremation of a man who died of small-pox at Kidderpur, the burning ghat register
W. 176. supports Lalit's statement. He has been identified as having stayed at Beliaishi under the name of Lal Mohan Choudhury, and Bhutaneswar Singh has identified him as teacher of his child at Nattore, having been recommended to him by Sirish Sirkar.

One particularly strong piece of corroboration concerns the disappearance of a gold ornament from a pleader's house in Patna. Evidence has been given by the pleader himself that Satis Sirkar and Sirish Sirkar used to stay at his house and consider themselves his wife's *chelas*. Satish was connected with a paper called *Motherland*, which had previously been edited by one Phanindra Mitra, who afterwards was editor of the *Jugantar*. After a ceremony in their house while Sirish was staying there, the pleader's wife missed a valuable gold ornament. The matter was reported to the police, some servants of the house being suspected. Directly after that Sirish Sirkar went back home, Lalit says, with an ornament. Lalit says that Sirish told him that the ornament had belonged to this lady. The ornament was melted down and the gold was sold by Lalit (under the name of Lal Mohan Chaudhuri of Boinchi), Sirish, and Bijoy Chakarvarti. The poddar has produced his books showing the entry for some of the gold sold, and the blacksmith, in whose shop the gold was melted has also corroborated Lalit. Before Lalit went to Darjeeling he stayed, he says, at the Hindu Great Eastern Hotel, Harrison Road. The books of this hotel bear out his statement. The Doctor and clerk of the Lowis Sanitarium prove that Lalit, Sirish Sirkar, and Radha Charan Chakarvarti came together to the Sanitarium. As to Lalit's statement about Amoresh, Amoresh says that he did not go about Darjeeling with him. The evidence of the officers of the Sanitarium shows that Mr. Rojat Rai called to see Lalit at the Sanitarium.

Besides the above, searches made in the houses of the persons named by Lalit as connected with the society have shown that some had in their possession papers and books of a seditious nature.

The statement of Jotin Hazra has only been corroborated in a few particulars beyond those already mentioned.

His uncle Rakhal bears out his statement that he stayed some time with him and was finally taken away by Shibu. Romesh Bagdi recalled, too, meeting Jotin some time afterwards at the Mayapur *chatti*. While Jotin was showing the places he referred to in his deposition to the verifying officer, he pointed out one Hari Mohan Chatterji as a man in whose house he stayed, when in mourning for the death of his father, on the advice of Bhuban and Bhutan Mukherji. This is only partially corroborated by Hari Mohan.

Soilendra Das accused confessed to his participation in the Haludbari dacoity shortly after its occurrence before a Deputy Magistrate. Later he gave a fuller version of what occurred before the District Magistrate of Nadia. He also had given a statement before the same officer (which he has now before me retracted), giving an account of what he said he knew of the society and of his own participation in its activities.

In that statement he says he was initiated at Bankura in 1906, where he practised shooting with Ram Das Chakravarti. In 1908 November he came to Calcutta, where he met Gonesh Das, an old school-fellow of his, and Harendra Banerji. He was initiated again by Noni Gupta at the Botanical Gardens, Sibpur. He was present at the Netra dacoity, knew of the attempt to seduce the 10th Jats from their allegiance, attended target practice in the Salt Lakes at Jadubpur with Charu Ghose and Kiron Rai, and knew of the Morehal dacoity. In this statement he speaks throughout of Noni Gupta as the leader, acting under, he believed, the advice of Arabinda Ghose. Of the present accused, the members he knew are, besides Noni, Gonesh and Harendra Banerji, Lalit Chakravarti, Bhuban and Bhutan Mukerji, Naren Chatterji (*alias* Bholanath, the name he was known to by Jotin), Dr. Sarat Mitra, Suresh Mitra, Jogesh Mitra *alias* Madaru, Bistupado Chatterji, Pabitra Dutt, Upen De, Atul Mukerji, Hari Das Chakravarti, and a very strong Babu of the Bengal Secretariat living at Musjidbari Street, who would appear to be Jotindra Nath Mukherji, also Sibu and Jotin Hazra, and Manmatha Nath Rai Chaudhuri. This statement appears to have been recorded under no special section of the Code, but the Magistrate says it was made quite voluntarily.

Shusil Biswas has also made two statements before the Magistrate of Nadia. In these he confesses to participation in the dacoities at Raita and Haludbari and to an attempted dacoity at Sherpur. There is, however, practically no corroboration of his story as to the Raita and Haludbari occurrences.

I now come to the evidence as against each individual accused. Noni Gopal Sen Gupta is named by both the approvers as a leader. He is said to have arranged for a large number of dacoities and to have received the properties taken in those dacoities. Evidence of his association with Bhuban and Bhutan Mukerji is also given. The evidence is to the effect that he had an *akra* at Sibpur for some time and he was often seen with them, and by one or two witnesses with Bistupado Chatterji as well at a ghat in Sibpur. It is also shown that on an occasion when there was a *marpit* between Bhuban, Harisadhan and others on one side and some Karmakars on the other, he was the man who settled the dispute. On his house being searched nothing was found. He was seen at Kidderpur with Sarat Mitra by one Dukhiram Pundit.

When he had been arrested in this case, he was one day found with two slips of paper which he had written to Jogesh Mitter (*alias* Madaru) and to Sarat Doctor, who were also in jail with him, in which he gave them instructions as to what to say when the case came on in Court. Soilen Das also speaks of him as a leader.

I find there is *prima facie* evidence to show that he was a leader of the conspiracy and had taken one of the chief parts in it.

Bhuban and Bhutan (*alias* Kristadhan) Mukerji are two brothers living at Sibpur. They are identified as members by Lolit, and Surjan Singh pointed out their house as the one in which he was initiated into the society, though he does not identify them. Ramgopal identifies Bhutan as one of the two men who owned the house at Sibpur to which he and Surjan went. Jotin in his statement frequently refers to them and, when his statement was being verified, he identified their house. Jotin also says that when he came to Sibpur he used first to go over there, and that they from time to time gave him small sums of money. They have also been shown to be associates with Noni Gupta. They are known too, to Soilen Das. I hold the evidence against them is sufficient to show that they were conspirators.

Bistupado Chatterji is also known to both Lolit and Jotin, who speak of him as one of the members. From Lolit's statement it would appear that he (he is quite young) was chiefly employed in running errands for Noni Gupta, distributing arms or carrying messages. Papers and books of the Temple Club, of which he and Noni appear to have been members, were found in his room. He is known, too, to Soilen Das. The evidence against him, too, appears to be sufficient for commitment.

Jogesh Mitter *alias* Madaru is also known as a member to both Jotin and Lalit. That he was known to Noni Gupta is shown by the paper found with the latter in jail. He is also a man of Sibpur, but was not seen associating at the tank ghat with him. Lalit says he went to the Netra dacoity, and Pannalal, the approver in the Bighati case, says that in that dacoity people were sent from Howrah, and he thinks that Jogesh was one of those men. It is in evidence, too, that after the arrest of Kiron Rai, the house where Jogesh lived was searched and a post-card found, coming from Kristanagar, saying that Kiron Rai wanted some more clothes and that he was likely to be detained in jail some time. The Government Expert in Handwriting identifies the writing of the post-card as the same as the admitted writing of Harendra Banerji. Soilen Das, in a statement he made, speaks to knowing Jogesh Mitter, and says that he was to have learnt wrestling from a Japanese under Noni's orders.

Atul Mukerji is one of the six men who were caught at Mirpur Railway Station the morning after the Haludbari dacoity. He was sent up for trial and convicted.

He is known to Lalit by sight only, who says he had seen him at Noni Gupta's at Sibpur and at the abortive Moshat dacoity and the Netra dacoity. A person named Atul and called Atul Master was for a time a private tutor to the children of Chandra Nath Poramanik at Nattore. Chandra has given evidence, but his identification of the youth as his private tutor is hardly satisfactory. He is not identified by Jotin Hazra, but is referred to by Soilen Das as having been at the Netra dacoity with him.

Norendra Nath Bose is known to Lalit as a member from the early part of his connection with the society. There is independent evidence supporting Lalit's statements about him to show that he was for a time staying at Chedapattar with Lalit and Rukini Rai. After that he was for a considerable time at Benares, where he had a *swadeshi* shop and where he

was an associate of other accused in this case. This shop is clearly connected with the *Chatra Bhandar* in Calcutta. Evidence is given to show that l e s ld the shop on 3rd *Aswin* 1316. He appears to have returned to Calcutta and stayed at 15-1, Mirzapore Street. Lalit connects him with the murder of Nanda Lal Banerji. His connection, too, with *Swadeshi* agitation is shown by evidence of his being found with Indra Nandi and others preventing the sale of English-made goods at Jamalpur in Mymensingh district some time before the time that most of the events deposed to in this case took place. He is not known to Jotin Hazra.

Gonesh Das is a man whose house is near Tamluk in the Midnapore district. Lalit says he knew him first when he was staying at Indra Nandi's. He is shown to have been at a shorthand-typewriting school in Calcutta with Soilendra Das, and evidence of correspondence and books goes to show that they were intimate friends. He was arrested with Soilen and others at Mirpur station, the morning after the dacoity at Haludbari. By comparison of handwriting it would appear that he and Soilen Das wrote the list of persons who were likely to give assistance, which was found in the house of Upen De. There is a note of an engagement, too, in the note-book of Harendra Banerji, in which the latter refers to having an engagement to meet Gonesh. He appears to have been at Rajshahi, as he is also known to Nripendra Narain Rai, (a Government ward who surreptitiously sold a gun which was afterwards found in the enquiry after the Haludbari dacoity) as having been an associate of Monmatha and Bidhu Bhusan Biswas. Soilen Das had stated that he has known Gonesh from his boyhood, and that it was Gonesh Das who first introduced him to other members of the revolutionary society when he came to Calcutta.

Harendra Banerji, who comes from Bikrampur, district Dacca, is according to Lalit known to him since the time he stayed with Indra Nandi. Lalit says, too, that he was with him on the occasion on which he went to Kalikapur with a magic lantern to start a *samiti* there. He was arrested on suspicion at Kushtia, where he was, it is said, trying to send a letter into the jail there to Soilendra Das. This letter was subsequently found torn. When he was arrested, a note-book was found on his person, in which references are made to his having to meet a "Bankura man," Gonesh Das and certain people whose numbers only are given, *e.g.* $\frac{A\text{-}I}{200}$. A post-card from him was also found at a search in Howrah made in the house of a relative of Jogesh Mitter. This post-card was written from Kristanagar, and speaks about Kiron Rai, another accused of the Haludbari case, being in Kristanagar Jail. Jotin Hazra, the other approver, also speaks of Harendra, saying that he was at Sibpur, where he was a private tutor to the younger brother and a nephew of Bhutan and Bhuban Mukerji. Soilen Das in his statement also mentions him as a member, saying that it was Harendra who gave him the No. $\frac{A\text{-}I}{241}$. The evidence against these men shows *primâ facie* that they are members of a body of conspirators working under Indra Nandi.

Hari Das Chakravarti is said by Lalit to have been present at the Netra dacoity. Lalit says that he initiated him into the Secret Society at Kidderpur himself. As to the search at the house where he resides at Calcutta, there is nothing much to connect anything found with Hari Das, who was away at the time it was made, and who, when in Calcutta, used to share the room with other young men. Jotin Hazra says he saw him once at Sibpur asking for Bhuban. Soilen Das in his statement has said he only knew him as a member, adding that he was made a sub-agent of an insurance company through Nani's influence. The fact that he was a member at all is only given in the sworn evidence of Lalit and in the statement of Soilendra Das, and there is no other evidence to establish any case that he was concerned in forwarding the objects for which the general conspiracy was formed.

Rajani Bhattachargya and his cousin Indu Kiron are known to Lalit only in connection with the Netra dacoity. They are young men of Mozilpur, and the evidence against them in the matter of the Netra dacoity has already been set out above. Indu is a student of the Sibpur Civil Engineering College, and in his room these certain papers that showed he had dealings with the *Chatra Bhandar* are found. He has also a brother named Satya Kiron who lived jointly with him. This brother, it appears, was early in this year arrested and ordered to give security under section 109, Criminal Procedure Code, for shadowing a police officer in the train between Sealdah and Naihati. In the searches of the house where these boys live have been found songs of a seditious character, a manuscript of a speech prepared apparently for delivering on a Partition Day celebration, and some letters in one of which one Haripada writes that he will not marry as he is serving his country. Letters, too, are produced which show that there was an *akra* in Mozilpur, and it appears from one letter that Indu Kiron had been writing to a friend under a fictitious name and with his left hand. A scribbling book, apparently belonging to Satya Kiron, was found, too. It contains several seditious notes. In the search of the premises where the Young Men and Students' Association of Mozilpur, of which Rajani was a member, met, a large number of papers and photos, of a nature which is not inconsistent with the claim of the prosecution that this association promotes sedition, was found.

Soilendra Kumar Das was arrested at Mirpur Railway station the morning after the Haludbari dacoity. He appears then to have given a false name. I have already referred to his confessions at different periods. The one he made before Mr. Ezechiel, in which he gave out the general nature of the society, has been retracted. His connection with Gonesh Das and Upen De has been referred to when discussing the evidence connecting them together. He admitted that he was concerned in the Netra dacoity, and he

was known to Lalit, according to the latter's statement, as having been at Netra at the dacoity and as having been in Calcutta with him. He is also shown to have been on friendly terms with Ram Das Chakravarti of Bankura, a photo having been found in a search in that district in which he and Ramdas are together. The statement he gives as to the methods of numbering the members of the society agrees with the way in which numbers appear instead of names in the note-book of Harendra Banerji, and the numbers given on an application for membership found in the house of Upen De. Though he said he knew Jotin, Jotin does not identify him.

Tinkori Das was known to Lalit in Calcutta and at Kidderpur. There is independent evidence to show that while he was for a time assisting the lessee of a refreshment stall at the Zoological Gardens he stayed at Sarat Mittra's. He also was away from Kidderpur for a few days, about the time Lalit says they two went to spy out about Netra before the dacoity. He was, according to Lalit, concerned in that dacoity. Jotin recognizes him under the name of Tinkori Ghose as having been at Sibpur with other members of the society. From other evidence it appears that he was one of the leaders of the *akra* at Mozilpur (Joynagar) and got prizes at times for his *lathi*-play and used to teach other boys.

Chuni Lal Nandi has been identified as coming back from Mozilpur, whence Lalit says they were bringing loot shortly after the Netra dacoity. He was, it is shown, for a time a manager at the *Chatra Bhandar*. With Tinkori he was one of the leaders of the Mozilpur-Joynagar *akra*. When his house was searched in November, seditious songs, a copy of the *Jugantar*, and a record of *swadeshi* cases were found. He has been identified, too, as having been to Benares with Pobitra Dutt at the time Lalit was there. Other newspapers and pamphlets found in his house are copies of the *Karmajogin*, *Desher Katha*, and the *New Spirit*. Lalit speaks to coming back with him from Mozilpur with loot obtained at the Netra dacoity. He had also known him before as a member of the *Jugantar Chatra Bhandar* mess in Calcutta.

Bidhu Bhusan Biswas is a youth whose house is at Beliashishi in North Nadia. He is also a connection by marriage of Sirish Sirkar of Nattore. He appears to have only left his school lately, and, when at school, his associates were Manmatha Biswas, Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhuri, and Ramapado Mukherji. Evidence is given to show his friendship and association with Manmatha and others; there is proof, too, that he was absent from school at the time of the Raita dacoity. After that he appears to have lived at Beliashishi, where he has been identified. Lalit says he stayed with him after warrant was issued in the Netra case under the name of Lal Mohan, and this is supported by independent evidence. He was put on his trial on the charge of being concerned in the Haludbari case, but was acquitted. He was implicated by Sushil Biswas and Soilendra Das in this dacoity.

As against Norendra Nath Biswas, there is practically no evidence. He was not known to either Lalit or Jotin. He appears to have been mentioned by one confessing prisoner in the Haludbari case. He also mentioned as being with Manmatha Biswas at a *swadeshi* meeting at the Mamtia *mela*. One Naren is mentioned in Bhupendra's diary, but there is nothing to show it is this youth. The evidence is not sufficient to connect him with the treasonable society of Nani Gopal and others and he is discharged.

Sushil Kumar Biswas is an inhabitant of Beliashishi. He has been convicted in the Haludbari dacoity case. He was known to Lalit as one of the society at Beliashishi, and has twice made statements before the Magistrate of Nadia implicating himself both in the Haludbari dacoity and in the dacoity that took place nearly a year before it at Raita and an attempted dacoity at Sherpur. He also said that he was initiated by Lalit.

Manmatha Nath Biswas is said by Lalit to have been known to him when he stayed with Sirish Sirkar at Nattore. He appears, too, to have been a leader of an athletic club at Rampur Boalia, and to have associated there with Bhupendra Narain Rai Chaudhuri, who refers to him in his diary as the leader of a lot of school-boys, including himself, Ramapoda, and Bidhu Bhusan. He was put on his trial as being concerned in the Haludbari case and was acquitted. In Bhupen's diary he is referred to as having made Bhupen and other boys swear by a sword.

Bijoy Chakravarty was a master of a school in Rajshahi, and after that was a servant in the Dighapatia Raj. Evidence of his being at Rajshahi is given, but the chief evidence against him refers to his conduct at Nattore. Here he was found assisting in the disposal of some gold melted by Sirish Sirkar and Lalit. After Lalit's arrest his house and office were searched, and pistols and cartridges were discovered in the latter. He has been convicted under the Arms Act for possession of these articles. A seditious letter to his wife has also been produced. His friendship with Sirish and Satis Sirkar and Lalit Chakravarti at Nattore has also been *prima facie* proved.

Sirish Chandra Sirkar is the son of a doctor at Nattore. Lalit says that he first saw him before the Netra dacoity, and that, while he was staying with him, Keshab De and others came there for the night, and that afterwards he was told by Sirish that Keshab had been murdered by Tinkori Das and Bhusan Mitter. There is however nothing to corroborate this story.

Lalit says he afterwards visited him when he was in hiding under the name of Lal Mohan Chaudhuri after warrant had been issued in the Netra dacoity. He speaks to an *asram* being established there, and to having melted a gold ornament that Sirish had brought from Patna. Sirish was also for starting a printing press at Nattore. At Sirish's or his relative's instance Lalit obtained a post of private tutor in a zamindar family at Nattore. All these facts

have been corroborated, and it has further been shown that Sirish and Satish Sirkar had friends in Patna, among them one Fanindra Nath Mitra, Editor of *Motherland*, now defunct, who subsequently was convicted as Editor of the *Jugantar* for sedition. Sirish was also on friendly terms with the wife of Babu Kedar Nath Banerji, a leading pleader, and just before Sirish appeared at Nattore with the gold ornament—a gold ornament had disappeared from the house of Kedar Babu. It also appears that Satish Sirkar—absconding—was the Editor of *Motherland* after Phanindra resigned. Sirish is also shown to be a connection of Bidhu Bhusan Biswas of Beliaghata, and to have been seen at times with him both at Beliaghata and Nattore. In the incident of the melting of the gold, he had the assistance of Bijoy Chakravarti in selling it.

After some time at Nattore, Lalit says he came with Sirish to Calcutta and stayed in the Hindu Great Eastern Hotel, Harrison Road. Subsequently they two, with one Radha, went to the Lowis Sanitarium, Darjeeling. There Sirish stayed a little time and then went off. This story is also corroborated by the evidence of the authorities of the Lowis Sanitarium in Darjeeling.

Narendra Nath Bhattacharyya is an inhabitant of Chingripota, in the district of the 24-Parganas. He is named by Lalit as having gone to the Netra dacoity. Lalit, however, did not at first appear to identify him, saying that he had only seen him once. Evidence is given to show that Narendra is a friend of Bhusan Ch. Mitra *alias* Gule, and was seen about with him and going out to shoot with him. A shop-keeper speaks, too, to his having interfered with his sale of Manchester goods. A dacoity is said to have taken place at Chingripota Railway Station, and this accused was named as one of the dacoits. He was, however, discharged. At the time of his arrest a most seditious manuscript was found on his person and a book on modern warfare. When again he was arrested in connection with this case and his house searched, a large number of copies of the *Dharma* and *Karmajogin* were found in it.

Bhusan Ch. Mitra is a friend of the above. He is also called Gule, and was named in the Chingripota dacoity case, but was not put on his trial as he apparently was not to be found then. He is a clerk in the Royal Insurance Office in Dalhousie Square, in which office worked another accused, Charu Chandra Ghose. Lalit speaks to having seen him at Sarat Mitter's in Kidderpur, and to his having been one of the party who committed the Netra dacoity, and been concerned in the murder of Nanda Lal Banerji, Sub-Inspector. Jotin Hazra says that he saw Bhusan two or three times at Nani's and Bhuban's at Sibpur talking to Nani.

Bimola Ch. Deb is an inhabitant of Kidderpur. He is an M.A. of the Calcutta University, and was a Law Lecturer in the Metropolitan Institution. Lalit speaks of him as being a friend of Indra Nandi, whom the latter used to consult as to dacoities. He also says that Bimola and Pabitra Datta sent him to Dacca to fetch back some of the loot of the Barra dacoity.

The rest of the evidence against him to connect him with the general conspiracy is evidence of what was found on search of his house. He, from this it appears, was a regular subscriber to the *Jugantar*, and took in other papers as well that have been prosecuted for sedition. He also had in his possession a copy of *Justice*—a paper which has been proscribed. Among other articles found were a cartridge, a *kukri*, an article advising people to sell out Government papers and buy Japanese, American, and German securities; the rules of a co-operative society in which he was manager and treasurer, and a form of initiation into a society, one of the promises to be taken by the members being that they should never take up any work under Government. Further, there is a diary in his own writing in which he has noted the proscribing of *Justice* and refers to various political events of recent years. Letters and telegrams also show that he was at Darjeeling in October 1909 when Lalit was there, but that he suddenly left there (though he had intended to stay till the middle of November) as soon as Lalit was arrested and sent down to Diamond Harbour.

Sarat Mitra, Suresh Mitra, and Satish Mitra are three brothers living on the Diamond Harbour Road, Kidderpur, just opposite St. Stephen's Church. Satish Mitra, however, seems often to have stayed in his native village near Basuldanga. It is shown that Lalit Chakravarti, Narendra Nath Chatterji, and Tinkori Das stayed with Sarat. The evidence given relating to the 10th Jats shows that it was at Sarat's house that the soldiers used to meet Naren and others. Lalit says that it was Sarat Doctor who made the cyanide of potassium pills—some of which were found at the time of the Haludbari dacoity. Noni Gupta was seen at Sarat's by one witness. It is also in evidence that Sarat interested himself in the running of *akras* in Kidderpur, and wished to change one *akra* of small boys into a large *Anusilan Samiti*. He was present, too, with Naren when the latter tried to persuade Chunai Haldar to take an oath against the English. He was also interested in some *swadeshi* shops at Kidderpur. Suresh, too, is known to *ex*-soldiers of the 10th Jats and, according to Lalit, was present at the abortive dacoity at Mushat and at the Netra dacoity. He was also seen at Basuldanga station once with Lalit by the husband of Sarat's maid-servant. Satis does not appear to have stayed continuously in Calcutta. He is known to Lalit as a member, but did not go out with him on any enterprise in pursuit of the common object of the conspiracy. Jotin, however, has identified him as being one of the men who went to Protapchak to commit a dacoity, which did not come off as the villagers had turned out. Soilen Das said he knew Dr. Sarat Mitra and Suresh Mitra as conspirators, and that Sarat was the man who prepared the poisoned pills.

Upen *alias* Badul De was caught red-handed just after the Haludbari dacoity at Mirpur Railway Station. His house is at Jangacha—Santragachi, near Howrah. When arrested, there was found on his person cyanide of potassium pills. His house was searched at once, and in it, besides newspapers *Dharma* and *Karmajogin*, was found a paper containing names of persons likely to help in work in the Province. This paper, it appears, was partly written by Gonesh Das and partly by Soilendra Das. The nature of the work required is shown by the fact that three of the names there given are Khirode Chandra Bhuya of Contai, who was convicted for rioting, Sarat Ch. De of Midnapore, who was convicted for having arms without license, and Ram Das Chakravarti, who was bound down under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, for interfering with the sale of English goods, and all these three appear in the list as "Martyrs." There is also an application to join a society by one Sachidananda Mitra, and on the head of this is the number A-1—256 which agrees with Soilen Das's explanation of numbering members of the Secret Society. Soilen, too, in his statement has said he was at the Netra dacoity with him.

Jotin knows him well, saying he has met him at Bhuban Mukerji's house in Sibpur and at his own house at Santragachi, when he stayed with him in hiding after the Morehal dacoity. He says that Upen De, too, was with the Curchi gang at the Protapchak affair. Lalit identifies him as one of the men who were at the Netra and Mashat affairs. Evidence is also given of his association with Pulin Sirkar and Kalipoda Chakravarti.

Kalipoda Chakravarti and Pulin Sirkar are known to several villagers, who have given evidence, as associates of Upen De. Jotin Hazra speaks to meeting them both at Sibpur and at Upen De's house. He further says that Kalipoda was with him at the affair at Protapchak. Lalit also identifies them. He says that Kalipoda was with him in the abortive dacoity at Mashat and at the Nefra dacoity. He also saw him at the house of Noni Gupta at Sibpur. Lalit does not know Pulin by name, but he identifies him as one of the men who were at the Mashat affair, and says that he spent a day with him when he was avoiding arrest after the Netra dacoity. Searches were made of these men's houses, and in Pulin's was found the *Karmajogin*, some seditious songs, and a certain amount of "partition" literature; also a book called the *Raktaganga*.

Soilendra Nath Chatterji was arrested at Mirpur station the morning after the Haludbari dacoity. On his person were found besides copies of the *Karmajogin* and some songs; paper giving words of some vows, similar to those spoken to by Lalit. Lalit does not identify him.

Shibu Hazra is, according to Jotin, the leader of the Curchi section, and he got Jotin initiated into the society. He was found with an unlicensed pistol in his possession after the Morehal dacoity, and was named by those who made confessions in connection with that dacoity, in which, according to Jotin, he appears to have been one of the chief performers. He was known, too, to Soilen Das when he made his statement to the Magistrate of Nadia. Lalit thinks he recognises him as a boy he saw once at Noni Gupta's talking with Noni about the use of poisoned pills. He is connected by Jotin with all the incidents to which Jotin speaks, and is shown by the villagers to have been an associate of Jotin, Dasarathi Chatterji, Atul Pal, and Haripoda Adhikari. Jotin's statement, too, that Shibu brought men from Calcutta, is also corroborated. Soilen also speaks to having seen him at Sibpur. Evidence is also given to the effect that a short note found on Manmatha Nath Chaudhury's person, when he was arrested, is in Shibu's handwriting.

Dasarathi Chatterji, Atul Pal and Haripoda Adhikari are shown to have been confederates of Jotin and Shibu Hazra at Curchi. Jotin mentions them, too, as being all concerned in the Morehal dacoity, and after that dacoity Haripoda made a confession which was afterwards retracted. It seems clearly established *primâ facie* that these youths were all concerned in the Morehal dacoity and in other affairs to which Jotin speaks. Lalit only identifies Atul Pal as having seen him at Noni's at Sibpur.

Manmatha Rai Chaudhuri is a resident of Gar-Bhawanipore, where he was seen at *ha'hi* play with one Krista Ghose, who is a relation of Shibu's. Shibu, too, appears to have been present on the occasion. He was caught on the night of the Morehal dacoity by the villagers On his person, too, was found a paper which is said to be in the handwriting of Shibu. Part of what was taken in this dacoity, according to Jotin, came into the possession of Noni Gupta.

Kiran Chandra Rai is an inhabitant of Chetla. He was arrested at Mirpur station the morning after the Haludbari dacoity. Lalit speaks to knowing him at Chetla and at Sarat Mitter's. In his house directly after the search were found some cartridges, a copy of some vows, papers in reference to an anniversary of the Kidderpore *Anusilan Samiti*, some seditious songs, and the periodical *Pantha*.

Lalit K. Chatterji is a pleader of the Nadia District Judge's Court. It was in his house that Lalit Chakravarti says he stayed when he had to make himself scarce on the issue of warrant after the Netra dacoity. The approver says, however, that he did not speak to the pleader, and the pleader did not know that he was staying there, as he left the house the next day. Lalit says he had seen him once at Noni's. The other evidence against him is that he once sent a money order to B. K. Ghose at the *Muralipukur* garden where the bombs were found; other correspondence shows that he on one occasion wished to see Arabinda and Baren Ghose, and wrote to Abinash Bhattacharyya for the purpose. He also appears to have received complimentary copies of the *Jugantar* newspaper and to have asked the Manager of that paper to supply a copy quickly to the Collectorate Peshkar at Nadia. Searches which took place led to the finding in his house of some so-called patriotic songs and a portrait of Sivaji. Beyond pushing the sale of the *Jugantar*, however, and his

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being seen by Lalit Chakarvarti at Sibpur once with Noni Gupta and the fact that he was before their arrest a friend of Baren Ghose, Arabinda Ghose, and Abinash Bhattacharyya, though there is really strong suspicion that he was privy to the acts of the conspirators, I consider that, in view of Lalit's admission about him, there is hardly enough evidence to warrant me in committing him for trial. He is not shown to have been associated with any other of the accused in seditious *acts*.

Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar is Lalit's clerk. He is named as one of the society by Lalit, who also says that after warrant was issued against him in connection with the Netra dacoity, he gave him shelter in Lalit Chatterji's house and afterwards at the Arya Chemical Factory. Evidence of his association with Poran has also been adduced, and he is said to have had arrow-heads made for him at his native village of Koya. He was frequently at the Arya Chemical Factory which, so far as the witnesses seem to know, was a place where ink was made, but which, from the papers found there when it was searched, appears to have also a trade in some kind of ointment or perfume. At the search of his house a publication, now declared confiscated to Government, called "*Holo ki*," was found.

Poran Mazumdar is also a Kristnagar man. He appears to be the son of the owner of the house in which the Arya Chemical Factory was. Lalit speaks to his being a member and to having met him at the *Chatra Bhandar* and at Noni Gupta's and to having been helped by him to go to Kristanagar after the Netra dacoity. It is shown, too, that he lived at 121, Cornwallis Street, and it was about the time that Rai Purna Chandra Maulik Bahadur was there that the revolver with which Shamsul Alum was killed was missed. He is also shown to have been an associate of Nibaran Chandra Mazumdar at Kristanagar.

Jotindra Nath Mukherji is a shorthand typist in the Bengal Secretariat. Lalit speaks of him as Jotin Dada, and says he met him once in Dalhousie Square and again saw him at Darjeeling. In the search at Jotin's room in Upper Chitpur Road a paper was found giving the outline of a scheme to propagate sedition, especially by making arrangements to keep the facts of where papers were printed concealed from the police. Birendra Nath Dutt Gupta, the murderer of M. Shamsul Alum, has made a statement, to which I have referred above, in which he says that Jotindra incited him to the crime and provided him with a revolver. Jotindra Nath Mukherji, it is also sought to show, was active in his native district (the Kushtia subdivision of Nadia) for the circulation of the *Jugantar*. Evidence is also given of his friendship with certain men who were shown to be concerned in the Alipore Bomb Case at Kushtia. Soilen Das in his statement refers to a Bengal Secretariat clerk, who would appear to be Jotin—as a member of the anarchical society.

Hem Sen has known and been known to Lalit from the latter's childhood. The family of Lalit are the priests of Hem Sen's family. Hem Sen has made a statement denying that he is implicated in any crime. He is a music master at the City College. Lalit says that when he first came to Calcutta to go to a shorthand school he stayed with Hem Sen, which Hem Sen admits. He says that Hem Sen first taught him about the aim for independence. Lalit, however, seems to have stayed with Hem a very little time and then to have gone to a mess where Probash Ch. De was the leader. In the subsequent part of his narration Lalit says that Hem Sen and Tinkori Das were sent to Netra to spy out for the Netra dacoity, and he names him as one of the men who carried out the murder of Nanda Lal Banerji. Hem resided at a mess at 46, Mechua Bazar. It is in evidence that he was in the village of Netra (his home) on the night of the Netra dacoity.

Hem has made a big rambling statement about his music and his singing at political meetings, which does not appear to me to advance the case one way or the other. There is no evidence except Lalit's to show that Hem Sen was a member of any Secret Society, or that he associated with other members, and Lalit's entirely uncorroborated statement is not sufficient I therefore discharge him.

Charu Chandra Ghose lives at Mayerpur, just south of Chetla. He is a clerk of the Royal Insurance Office in which Bhusan Mitter also works Lalit says he was one of the leaders of the society, his duties being to teach shooting and riding. He was the owner of a licensed gun, and evidence is given to show that from 1907 onwards the amount of ammunition he has purchased is very large. Lalit speaks of going out to shoot at Kuleswar and other places with him and a party, and this statement is corroborated by people who saw Charu's party at Diamond Harbour and Kuleswar. When Lalit's statement was verified by the Deputy Magistrate, he showed the tiffin room of the Royal Insurance Office as the place where he had received a revolver from him. When his house was searched a copy of the *Karmajogin* was found. Soilen Das also stated b fore the Magistrate of Nadia that he went shooting with him at the Salt Lakes.

Taranath Rai Chaudhuri appears to have been the manager of the *Jugantar* newspaper from 7th November 1907 to 26th December 1907 (from which date Rukini Rai—of whom there is evidence in connection with the Chedaputtar retreat—acted for him) and again from 1st February 1908 to 3rd April 1908. In May 1908 arms were found at 4, Raja's Lane, in his box. Letters, too, were found connecting him with the members of the Maniktola garden gang. He was arrested at the end of 1909 at Benares, and has been tried and convicted for unlawful possession of arms Lalit knew him when he was staying with Indra Nandi. He also speaks to his assisting in the removal of the arms to 4, Raja's Lane, and to knowing him where he was hiding himself at Benares. It appears, too, that it was on Lalit's information, when he was at Benares having his statement verified, Taranath was eventually arrested.

Annoda Rai is a Kaviraj. Lalit knew him at Indra Nandi's, where he was frequently in consultation with leaders of the conspiracy. He also used to take revolvers, etc., to his house. Panna Lal Chatterji, the approver in the Bighati dacoity, knew him by name as being connected with the *Jugantar* gang. Documentary evidence, too, goes to show that he was closely associated with Kartick Dutt, who was convicted in the Bighati case. On search of his house at Dinajpur copies of the *Karmajogin* and *Dharma* and other suspicious papers were found. Kartick Dutt is mentioned by Lalit as a member, Lalit saying he met him both at Indra Nandi's and at the house of Annoda Rai. Correspondence between him and Annoda Rai has been put in to prove their connection with one another. Kartick was convicted for assaulting some missionaries at Santipur, and subsequently was convicted in the Bighati case for dacoity. Pannalal, the approver in that case, mentions him, too, as being one of the *Jugantar* gang. Documentary evidence, too, connects him and Annoda Rai with Indra Nandi.

Pabitra Dutt was known to Lalit as a member of the society of the *Jugantar Chatra Bhandar* mess He was also with him at Benares. Besides Lalit's statement, independent evidence is given to show that Pabitra went to Benares. It appears till recently, too, that Pabitra Dutt has been manager of the *Chatra Bhandar*. In the search of his house a pamphlet "Open Letters to my Countrymen" and the newspaper *Karmayogin* were found. Documentary evidence is put in to connect him with B. K. Ghose (convicted in the Alipore Bomb Case.)

Bhupendra Narain Roy Chaudhuri was a school-boy at the Bholanath Academy at Rajshahi in November 1908. Here he appears from the evidence to have been on friendly terms with Manmatha Biswas, Ramapoda Mukherji, and Bidhu Bhusan Biswas. He appears to have been absent from school at the time of the Raitâ dacoity. On search of his house unlicensed ammunition was found with him, and a diary in which he speaks to his relation with Manmatha and Ramapoda. From this diary it appears that Manmatha was the leader of a set of school-boys, and Bhupendra joined his set. He speaks of a cause which he was supporting and of his initiation into following it by swearing on a sword. He speaks, too, of his trying to persuade others to hate the English. He is named by Sushil as having been concerned in the Raita dacoity. Lalit says he heard his name only as a confederate from Bidhu Bhusan Biswas, and did not come across him personally.

Ramapoda Mukherji is shown to have been a friend of Manmatha, Bidhu, and Bhupendra at Rajshahi, and to have belonged to their set and club at which drill was taught. He is referred to in Bhupendra's diary, and is named by Sushil as a party to the Raita dacoity. Against Prakriti Masumdar or Biswas, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukherji, and Kristapoda Biswas there is only the uncorroborated statement of Sushil Biswas that they were concerned in the Raita dacoity and in an attempted dacoity at Sherpur.

On the evidence thus adduced I find that there is *primâ facie* evidences to show that there is a conspiracy, with head-quarters in Sibpur, Kidderpore, and Calcutta, formed for the purpose of attempting to wage war against the King and for the collection of men, arms, and ammunition for that purpose, and that the members of that conspiracy being aware of the same, have concealed the existence of such design to make war against the King, intending and knowing it to be likely that such concealment will facilitate the waging of such war.

As to the accused before me, I do not find for reasons given above that there is sufficient evidence to establish the charges against Haridas Chakravarti, Hem Chandra Sen, Lalit Kumar Chatterji, Prakriti Biswas *alias* Mozundar, Bibhuti Bhusan Mukerji, Kristapoda Biswas, and Norendra Nath Biswas, and I discharge them under section 5, Act XIV of 1908.

Against the rest I find that there is evidence sufficient to put them on their trial on these charges, and I hereby direct that they be sent to the High Court for trial under section 6 (*b*), Act XIV of 1908.

(Sd.) H. P. Duval.

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